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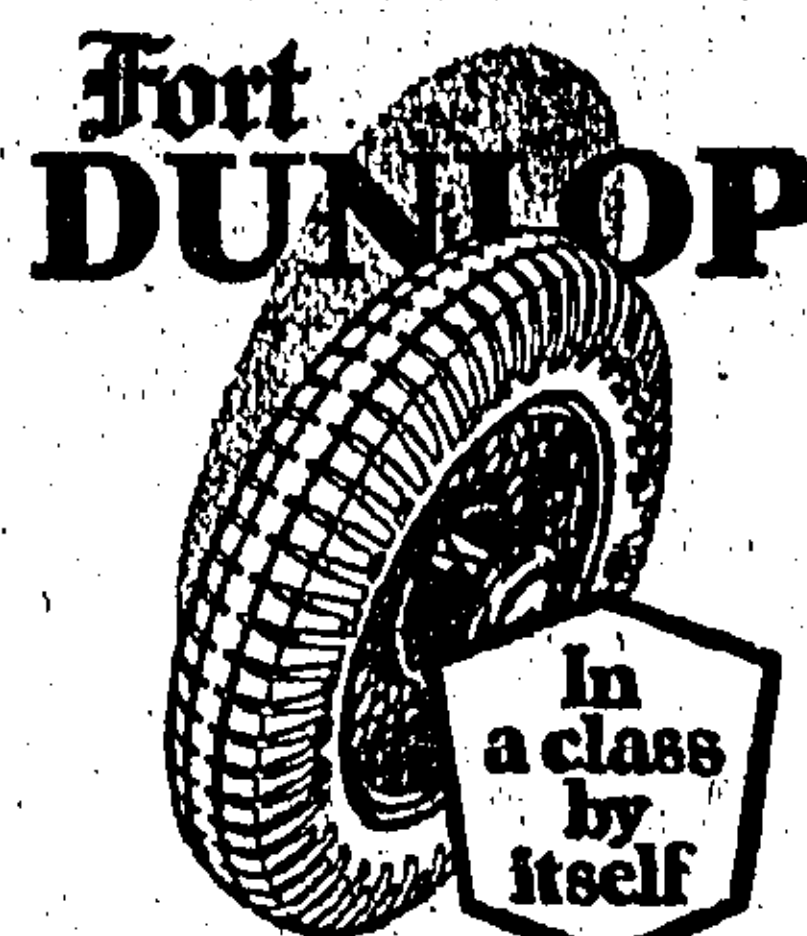
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VOTE OF CENSURE

LABOUR RATES GOVERNMENT.

SPIRITED REPLY

WHAT GOVERNMENT HAS DONE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Labour vote of censure, regretting failure on the part of Government to deal with the problems of currency and exchange, and the development of international trade, to produce plans for unemployment and high rents, was moved in the House of Commons to-night by Sir Stafford Cripps who said the return of the National Government to power had not restored confidence. There was continued uncertainty because, apparently, Government had no cure other than to tinker with the problem which was an international one. He advocated barter through import and export boards pending the exploration of the currency situation. He accused Government of failing to provide for distress in the coming winter due to unemployment and economy cuts.

Premier Meets Charges.
The Prime Minister replying said the declaration of Government's intentions, with regard to currency stabilisation, while the present uncertain conditions prevailed, would be far from serving the purpose of restoring confidence. He drew attention to the international causes of the difficulties with which Britain was faced. British trade was suffering because of world poverty. The only enlightened policy was to seek to increase the volume of world trade, and that Government would continue to do. He regretted the delay in bringing the nations into a conference on these problems, but he was sure the experts now sitting at Basle were fully aware of the urgency of their task and would prepare their report with expedition. Immediately thereafter a conference of Government should be held and, in the British Government's view, that conference should approach its work in a spirit of realism examining as a whole the facts and aiming at an agreement which would not merely tide over the difficulties temporarily, but set the whole world, now in a grad-

OCCASIONAL RAIN.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states: The anticyclone is central near Peking.

The depression has passed to the East of Japan.
Forecast: — N. E. winds, moderate; generally overcast; occasional rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.16 inch. Total since January 1, 79.67 inches against an average of 82.22 inches — deficit 2.65 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 66
Macao 63
Pratas Island 72
Foonchow 63
Amoy 65
Cebu 84
Shanghai 47
Manila 74

BURMA ROUND TABLE.

Membership and Life of Lower House.

ABOLISH OFFICIAL BLOC.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Burma Round Table Conference in Committee to-day began consideration of the constitution of the Lower House. Maung Ba Pe, and other speakers, favoured an increase of the present membership of 103 to 250 as was suggested by Lord Winterton as a compromise. The life of the House, it was decided, should be five years.
Sir Oscar de Glanville, Leader of the Independent Party, was in favour of the abolition of the Official Bloc, and with this view there was general agreement. The Committee stands adjourned until to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

GERMAN BANK'S RATE REDUCED

Berlin, Yesterday.
The Reichsbank's discount rate has been lowered from eight to seven per cent.—Reuter.

unally increasing economic social and political disintegration, on a footing of hopeful effort and endeavour. This could be done only by the consciousness on the part of all nations that whatever their own circumstances, their own continuing prosperity depended on the prosperity and tranquility of the whole world. It was in that spirit that the British Government would enter the conference.

Government's Achievements.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald claimed that Government had been remarkably swift in action. It had made an essential contribution to the country's problems by balancing the budget. Also it had dealt with abnormal importations, which were imposing a heavy burden on sterling exchange, and it had pursued a policy of maintaining the domestic value of sterling.

Unfair Raising of Rents.
Referring to rents, the Premier said Government had some evidence of unfair raising of rents, and he forecast legislation which would give protection in these cases. Government, he said, had been given a mandate to seek to revive world trade and to secure Britain's trade share in it using every resource at hand, and that mandate Government was carrying out.

The debate continues.—British Wireless Service.

Premier on Sterling Stabilisation.
London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in reply to the Labour vote of censure, announced that Government declined to make a declaration now that it was not going to base sterling again on gold, or fix the value of sterling either as controlled or as a gold basis currency. It would be madness and folly, he said, to declare now what sterling value may be permanently in view of the conditions affecting sterling, and without a settlement of the international circumstances controlling the value of sterling.—Reuter.

Tariffists' Onslaught.
London, Yesterday.
The debate on the Labour vote of censure was adjourned until to-morrow after Mr. Walter Runciman had parried an onslaught by Tariffists demanding protection of the iron and steel industries. Mr. Runciman pleaded for more time to consider such a vital matter, and said we were not so near the edge of the precipice as some members thought. By assiduity and impartial survey we could hopefully anticipate a solution of the problems.—Reuter.

LEAGUE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION ON THE MANCHURIAN PROBLEM

CHINA AND JAPAN CALLED UPON TO OBSERVE THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THE LEAGUE

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY.

Following is the text of the draft resolution read to the Council this afternoon:—

(1).—"Council re-affirms the resolution passed unanimously by it on September 30, 1931, whereby the two parties declare they are solemnly bound by it. Therefore, the Council calls on the Chinese and Japanese Governments to take all steps necessary to assure its execution, and despatch an S.O.S. so that the withdrawal of the Japanese troops within the railway zone may be effected as speedily as possible."

(2).—"Considering that events have assumed an even more serious aspect since the Council meeting on October 24, the Council notes that the two parties undertake to adopt all measures necessary to avoid any further aggravation of the situation."

(3).—"The Council invites the two parties to continue to keep the Council informed regarding developments of the situation."

(4).—"The Council invites other members of the Council to furnish the Council with any information received from their representatives on the spot."

THE ISOLATED INCIDENT.

Motorist's Surprise Meeting With His Wife.

When Lancet Henry Graham Stafford, aged 47, insurance official, Barnmead Road, Beckenham, was charged at Bromley (Kent) with being under the influence of drink while driving a car in Beckenham Road, and with dangerous driving, it was stated that his car collided with a bus 100 yards from his home.

The bus had stopped to allow a passenger to alight. The passenger was Mrs. Stafford.

"It comes to this," said Mr. Laurence Vine (defending), "that if Mr. Stafford's wife had not been a passenger in that bus there would have been no collision, and he would have gone straight home in safety without any accident."

Snooker at a Club.
Stafford said that he was at a funeral, and on the way home called at a club.

Witnesses from the Constitutional Club, Bedford Park Gardens, said that Stafford played an excellent game of snooker just before he left, and was sober.

The Chairman (Alderman James) said there would be a conviction on the charge of drunkenness, but they regarded the incident as an isolated one in Mr. Stafford's life, and as due to a combination of circumstances that would probably never arise again. He would be fined £20, and, in view of the exceptional circumstances, he would be disqualified for driving for only three months, instead of 12. The charge of dangerous driving was withdrawn.

SINO - JAPANESE REPRESENTATION.

A vote will be taken on the resolution to-morrow (Thursday). Tokyo, Yesterday.

It is understood that Government is instructing Mr. Yoshizawa to accept the League's resolution in toto as the latest despatches from Paris show that that to which Japan objected has been deleted.—Reuter.

Japanese Resume Air Raids.

Peking, Yesterday.
The Japanese have resumed air raids in Manchuria, according to Marshal Chang Hsueh-jiang's headquarters. It is stated that eight Japanese planes this morning dropped twenty-one bombs on Chung Chia-tun village south-east of Tawa, also seven bombs on Tawa which they also machine-gunned. These places are situated on the Kao Fangtze-New Chang Railway.

First two, then three Japanese planes also circled over Chinchow just clearing the house-tops but no bombs were dropped there.—Reuter.

NEWS TABLOIDS.

According to a message from Marshal Chang Hsueh-jiang, Japanese resumed air raids yesterday. Bombs were dropped on certain villages, and planes circled over Chinchow but did not bomb the latter city.

Nine months' hard labour was the sentence passed, this morning, on a bag-snatcher who failed, yesterday afternoon, to get clear away after snatching a hand-bag away from Miss Hyndman in Queen's Road Central.

Burmese delegates favour increasing from 103 to 250 the membership of their proposed Lower House under the Burma Constitution, and fixing its life as only five years. General agreement was also expressed with the view that the Official Bloc should be abolished.

In connection with Labour's vote of censure, Tariffists made a determined onslaught for protection of the iron and steel industries. Mr. Walter Runciman parried by pleading for more time to consider so vital a matter.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald refuses to make a declaration to-day on Government's policy in regard to the stabilisation of sterling for obvious reasons. Such a declaration to-day he said would be sheer madness and folly.

Mr. Walter Runciman made a significant statement, in the course of the debate on Labour's vote of censure, when he said, "We are not so near the edge of the precipice as some members think."

Sir Stafford Cripps, moving Labour's vote of censure, roundly rated Government on having failed to restore confidence and making no provision for the distress of unemployed in the coming winter. He said Government was tinkering with an international problem because it had no cure. He advocated barter through import and export boards.

The Premier made a spirited

CONDUCT ENQUIRY ON THE SPOT.

(5).—"Without prejudice to the carrying out of the above-mentioned measures, the Council, desiring, in view of the special circumstances of the case, to contribute towards a final and fundamental solution by the two Governments of questions at issue between them, the Council decides to appoint a Commission of five members to study on the spot and report to the Council on any circumstances which affect international relations and threaten to destroy peace between China and Japan, or good understanding between them on which peace so much depends."

(6).—"The Chinese and Japanese Governments each have the right to nominate one assessor to assist the Commission, and the two Governments will afford the Commission all facilities to obtain on the spot whatever information it may require. It is understood that should the two parties initiate any negotiations these would not fall within the scope of the terms of reference of the Commission, nor would it be within the Commission's competence to interfere with the military arrangements of either party. The appointment and deliberations of the Commission shall not prejudice in anywise the undertaking given by the Japanese Government in the resolution of September 30, as regards the withdrawal of Japanese troops within the railway zone."

(7).—"Between now and its next ordinary session, which is to be held on January 25, 1932, the Council, which remains seized of the matter, invited the President to follow up the question and summon it afresh if necessary."

reply, and spoke at some length on international conferences in regard to world trade and declared Government's attitude in the matter. He maintained that Government had been swift to act, and had made essential contributions to the country's problems by balancing the budget, also by dealing effectively with abnormal importations. Government had reason to believe there had been some instances of unfair raising of rents, and the Premier made known the legislation he proposed to invoke to deal with such cases.

A reference was made, yesterday, in the House of Commons, to the Hong Kong Currency Commission Report. Mr. Castle Stewart said Government had yet taken no action.

In order to meet the huge deficit facing the United States, beside a severe campaign of economy all round, President Hoover proposes to increase income tax on the net incomes of unmarried persons.

The Reichsbank's discount rate has been lowered to 7 per cent. from 8 per cent.

The Lords, yesterday, continued their debate on India. Lord Brentford considered Government's scheme as ill-digestible, while Lord

H.K. CURRENCY REPORT.

No Decision Yet Taken.

COMMONS' REPLY.

London, Yesterday.
Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, whether it was intended to take action on the recommendations of the Hong Kong Commission, Mr. Castle Stewart said no decision had yet been taken, and pointed out that the report had only recently been published.—Reuter.

BAG-SNATCHER GETS NINE MONTHS.

A Chinese, who snatched a hand-bag, containing \$40 in money and other articles, from Miss Stella Hyndman, of 33 Leighton Hill Road, was, at the Central Police Station this morning, sentenced to nine months' hard labour. He pleaded guilty. Miss Hyndman was walking along Queen's Road Central yesterday afternoon, when near the St. Francis Hotel building, she felt her handbag snatched. She raised an alarm, and the thief bolted. He was chased by a European, who, tripping up the thief, managed to secure him.

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR SPAIN.

Madrid, Yesterday.
The Cortes has unanimously voted a new Constitution.—Reuter.

OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

British Air Record Attempt.

In order to set up a new long-distance non-stop world record by an aeroplane, a Fairey long-range monoplane is being got ready for a flight from Cramwell aerodrome to Cape Town, a distance of 5,990 miles. The present record established by two American airmen is 5,017 miles, New York to Constantinople.

British Industries Fair.

At the Fair, which opens at Birmingham in February, a practical demonstration in road-making will be given.

Labour's Vote of Censure.

Labour's vote of censure was moved, in the House of Commons, yesterday, by Sir Stafford Cripps, former Solicitor General.

Manchurian Customs Revenues.

An allegation is made that through the Mukden Government Japan is seeking to possess herself of these revenues. The matter has been referred to the League Council.

Safety of British Nationals in China.

Sir John Simon has expressed himself as fully satisfied that British lives and property in China, especially at Tientsin and Peking, can be safeguarded.

Death of Former Italian Premier.

The death of Signor Salandra is announced. He was the Italian Premier on the outbreak of the Great War, and was one of the men who put up opposition to Mussolini on the latter's rise to power.

Salisbury questioned its practicability.

With the filling in of a nullah and the widening of Waterloo Road close to its junction with Nathan Road a dangerous corner has been made reasonably safe for motorists.

The Cortes has unanimously voted a new Constitution for Spain.

A SAFE ROAD

WATERLOO ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

NULLAH FILLED IN

SOURCE OF DANGER REMOVED.

The great danger which has imperilled motorists in Waterloo Road, near its intersection with Nathan Road, and where a nullah borders the road near the Dogs' Home, will soon become a thing of the past, for that part of the nullah along Waterloo Road, extending from opposite the Kowloon Mortuary, for about fifty yards past Tung Fong Street, has been filled in by Government. This change will be greatly welcomed by motorists and the public in general, as the road has been widened considerably.

The recent work recalls to mind a terrible motor accident which occurred on March 23 last, and which was directly the reason for the work to make safer this portion of the road. Shortly before midnight on March 23, it will be remembered, a Studebaker touring car, driven by Mr. S. Ashworth, Assistant Government Surveyor, failed to negotiate the corner near the Dogs' Home, and capsized into the nullah.

Mr. Ashworth was accompanied by his wife. They were proceeding towards Nathan Road along Waterloo Road, and for some unknown reason crashed into the iron railings on the edge of the nullah. The impact was so great that the railings were damaged for a distance of 22 yards.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth were removed to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from severe shock and other injuries. The car was extensively damaged, the coachwork, for the most part, being smashed.

Arising out of the accident, questions regarding the apparent danger of the corner were asked by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga in the Legislative Council, and the replies have borne good fruit.

STOP PRESS

Shanghai, To-day.

General Chang Chun, Mayor of Shanghai, and a number of Chinese Municipal employees are virtually prisoners of a mob of students who, infuriated by the arrest of a comrade from Peking, wrecked the local Kuomintang headquarters last night. They subsequently attacked the Chinese Municipal building.

Chen Hsi-tseang, whose dismissal has been demanded, did not attend office this morning.

Last evening a mob of students made an attack on the Chengtu railway station on the Shanghai-Nanking line owing to the refusal of the station master to give them a free journey to Nanking. The students also cut the telegraph and telephone lines, but the damage to these was repaired this morning.—Reuter.

MOTORISTS THIS IS YOUR PAGE

MOTOR-CARS AND CRIME.

A Disquieting Problem.

Those of us who assisted to develop the motor-car from a noisy and unreliable toy into a universal transport failed to realise the glee with which the underworld would adopt the new locomotion and the acute problems which it was to create for the police forces of the world. The professional criminal has snatched a new lease of life with the aid of the motor-car, and has been able to fend off the ascendancy which scientific police methods were fast establishing over him.

There was a time when an innocent Home Office imagined that a system of registration and number-plates would checkmate the dishonest motorist. They ought to have been disillusioned at the very outset when a mischievous journalist, perceiving the meshes in the Government net, announced that he had driven his car scathless for three months with a licence-holder containing the label soaked off a bottle of stout. The Home Office was shocked, but it did not perceive the red lamp. To-day everybody knows that the registration-book is an expensive nuisance and does no practical service to anybody. It occasionally assists the buyer of a second-hand car to discover its precise age; but he can always obtain this more accurately by sending the chassis numbers to the factory. The criminal scouts the whole of this cautionary organisation. If a man is going to burgle a bank, or snatch a cashier's bag, or smash and grab a jeweller's shop, minor offences do not worry him. He will perhaps equip a car with reversible number-plates. The crime will be committed with car XXXX42, and as soon as the wires are singing with that number the plates will be swung over, and car YYY124 will pass innocently through the cordon with which the police have surrounded the area. It is even possible to camouflage a car, so that its appearance can be substantially changed in a very few minutes. But such complications are hardly necessary in these mass-production days, when any of a dozen factories may turn out in one week as many as 100 cars, each of which is an exact duplicate of the others, except for numbers stamped on inaccessible portions of the mechanism.

Safety Measures in London.
Recent developments in the London area have rendered motor crimes extremely dangerous to their perpetrators, though the cost of the

safety measures has been enormous. In the first place, an adequate force of very fast police cars must be maintained over the whole area. Secondly, elaborate communications are needed to concentrate the speed patrols at the briefest imaginable notice in any locality where a crime is reported. Thirdly, a network of foot patrols must cover the whole area, in order to set the speed patrols in action by means of the lightning communication system. But this development naturally creates reactions. London is not the only part of England where rich booty awaits the daring thief. As motor burglaries are made more and more risky in the Metropolis, the expert thief shifts his attention to the provinces; and the inevitable corollary is the building up of a similar system of safeguards in the other

of quite a small parcel of very costly rings. They were carried off in a mass-production car, completely indistinguishable from hundreds of sister vehicles. Within a mile of the scene of the theft, this small parcel was transferred to another mass-production car of a different make; and at some unknown distance farther along the thieves' ultimate route, the spoils were handed over to yet a third car, equally indistinguishable. Two of the three cars are supposed to have been stolen, and the third very possibly bore an imaginary or reversible number.

The Police's Main Difficulty.
It is very greatly to the credit of the police that they already control so difficult a position in all its major aspects. If they were allowed to defend themselves against criticism they would probably claim

warehouses and roads, and chasing actual thieves with fast cars directed by telephone and wireless.

Several palliatives have been suggested, and it is conceivable that some of these palliatives may yet be forced upon us. Such measures include mechanical provision for making cars comparatively theft-proof. The ignition lock is useless, but a gearlock is far more promising. Some police authorities consider that personal identity cards may one day be forced upon us. Others hold that a modification of the French octroi system would help; that outside every considerable city each main road should be furnished with a safe and simple type of barrier, which could be brought into action at will. At present when the police definitely know that a gang of dangerous thieves are racing into London by

FORD PLANES.

Aid in Combating Forest Fires.

Ford trimotor planes during the past Summer, successfully aided in combating forest fires in the United States forest preserves in the Northwest, according to information just received by the Ford Motor Company from N. B. Mamer, operations manager of Mamer Air Transport, air mail operators, of Spokane.

Flying over dangerous rugged country, through dense smoke and in tempestuous air currents boiling up from the fires beneath, Mr. Mamer, at the controls of a Ford trimotor, powered with Wright J6 engines, repeatedly transported large crews of Government fire fighters and their equipment from Spokane to the scene of fires in the Idaho and the Nez Perce forests during the dry season late in the Summer. The flights were accomplished in approximately two hours, whereas four to five days would have been forced to travel by rail, motor car and pack horse.

During the course of the fires the Ford trimotor carried 300 fire fighters and their equipment into the district, as well as 60,000 lb. of equipment and merchandise. For this purpose the seats were removed so that maximum loads could be carried. The plane, thus lightened, repeatedly carried loads of 2,500 to 3,000 lb. of men and merchandise, even though it was necessary to climb up to 14,000 feet to clear the mountains and the stifling smoke from the fires beneath.

Most of the fighters and their equipment were landed at Chamberlain Basin Meadows field in the Idaho National Forest, 6,000 feet above sea level. Others were delivered at a field recently developed by the forest service at Moose Creek in the Selway National Forest. The latter field lies at the confluence of Moose Creek and Selway River. It is 1,700 feet long and surrounded by high mountains and tall, dense timber.

Aviators said that no plane could be landed there, according to Mr. Mamer, who was doubtful himself whether the chance should be risked. The first time a fire emergency arose, however, a Ford trimotor, carrying a load of fire fighters, was set down without trouble in the field and since that time repeated trips have been made without accident.

"These experiences have demonstrated," said Mr. Mamer, "that large trimotor planes, such as the Ford, are ideally fitted for this sort of work and I am certain that their use for this purpose will be greatly increased as the years go on."

night from—for example—the north, they experience considerable difficulty in stopping them, even when the appearance of the car is known and the stolen goods are too bulky to elude even a superficial search. Of these expedients, the personal identity card may prove the most useful. It is odd to reflect that I cannot easily establish my identity in any part of England where I am a stranger; but that when I tour the Continent I am instantly identifiable anywhere with the aid of my passport. It is true that photographs can be interchanged on passports, but a fingerprint passport would be irrefutable. —G.B. in Manchester Guardian.

THE MODERN "SHIP OF THE DESERT"



Automobiles are rapidly displacing camels and Arab horses in the desert. Buicks are helping to carry the desert mail as well as furnish fast transportation for the Arab sheiks. Note the plumed rider for camels and the old and new Arabic numerals on the license plate.

cities. The provinces furnish no such acute problem for the police. A provincial city admits of closer shepherding; its residents are more stable. If the depredators come from afar, the number of roads which need watching after a raid are fewer, and the night traffic along the main national roads is easier to supervise. But at the moment the nation is unquestionably faced with a situation which will multiply its expenditure on police by very substantial sums, and may ultimately compel us to adopt completely novel methods of road supervision. It is alleged that in a recent smash-and-grab raid the valuable booty consisted

that sooner or later they lay all the leaders of the new crime by the heels, and that their main trouble is that anybody can join the ranks of their enemies at brief notice, so that they are perpetually hunting for new recruits. The recruit to the new crime really needs no equipment except some small garage, a little mechanical knowledge, and the address of a more or less trustworthy receiver, to whom he can sell what he steals. The existence of these recruits complicates the proper tactics of the police, which is to identify the potential criminals, and watch them in their haunts, as a cheaper alternative than watching shops and

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CAR ECONOMIES.

Accessories That Pay For Purchase.

All patriotic persons to-day will take "reuter care to prevent waste. That is true economy, and applies especially to motorists who feel that they should run their cars as much as possible yet not extravagantly.

It is so much easier to-day to run a car economically than it was even a few years ago. There are so many ways of preventing waste that were almost unheard of by an earlier generation of motor users.

Take the engine for an example. "Wellfound" cars—to use a nautical expression—are provided with a thermometer to register the temperature of the cooling water, and with appliances, either manual or automatic, to keep that engine at its most economical temperature. By that means it uses its fuel only for developing power, and the minimum of petrol and oil is wasted in heating up an overcooled radiator and water system.

But economy does not rest here, says H. Thornton Rutter in the Morning Post. Besides controlling the temperature of the engine, the well-equipped car should also have means provided to the motor for preventing waste in oil and damage to the cylinders by abrasive dust, picked up by the air inlet of the carburation system.

For economical running cars must have both an efficient oil filter and oil cooler; also an air filter.

Easily Obtainable.

The latest types of motor-carriages are provided with all these necessary accessories. Any car can easily be fitted with them. They are obtainable at most garages and the price and cost of fitting are reasonably small, especially for British cars.

We have developed in Great Britain such a desire for the joys of motoring that a very large proportion of owners find—even in most prosperous times—the need for great economy, as to be frank, I am afraid that a great number can barely afford to run a car. For that reason the British motor engineer has devised a multitude of accessories to prevent waste in order that the popular taste for motoring can be indulged in cheaply.

No part of a motor-car can be so wastefully used as the power unit. Gallons of fuel may be wasted by overcharging the batteries, especially during the long light days. Equally wasteful is the neglect—too often amounting to utter disregard—to see whether the battery is being properly charged or the cells given the right amount of acid and water to cover the plates.

So far motor manufacturers to-day provide only an ammeter to show the charging or discharging rate of the electric accumulator.

Current in the Battery.

Every owner who wishes to avoid waste provides on his car a battery capacity ampere-hour meter, or at least an accumulator capacity indicator. No ammeter fitted on the dashboard tells the driver how much current is available in the battery. Neither does the cut-out incorporated in the electrical system of a car prevent the battery from being overcharged.

A battery capacity ampere-hour meter tells you exactly the condition of the battery. It consists of a moving coil meter. Besides a dial calibrated in ampere-hours, it includes a scale provided with three-coloured divisions, red, yellow, and blue, showing that the battery is

either "low," "medium," or "full" of its electrical current.

Actually, when the pointer falls on the red part of the scale the battery is discharged and when on the blue is full, with a special indicating mark showing when the cells are fully charged. One has to bear in mind when switching on this instrument, that the dynamo must not be charging, or that the battery is disconnected from the charge circuit, when the driver requires to know the current in ampere-hours contained in the battery. Also all the lamps of the car should be switched on momentarily to put a load on the battery.

Battery's Increased Duties.

Should the pointer move from the charged position of the scale and gradually fall after all the car lights are on, this definitely indicates that the battery is not in first-class condition, or that the plates are not covered with the correct specified gravity of acid, as specified by the battery-makers.

Nowadays the battery has often to supply current for a large number of units, besides its original job of lighting the lamps and starting the engine. Lighters for tobacco smokers, windscreen wipers, electric horns and car-heaters draw extra current from the cells. Consequently there is greater need for instruments to warn the driver not to neglect these electric cells, either by over or under charging them or by not keeping the liquid at its right specific gravity and properly covering the plates.

Few motorists can obtain 100 per cent. efficiency from their batteries for want of knowledge of the true condition of the cells, and thus they increase their costs by wasting power in petrol, by unwanted charges, and by the purchase of new batteries, because the original cells have had lives greatly shortened by neglect.

FOR NEW DRIVERS.

Sir Malcolm Campbell Advises You To—

- (1) Learn as soon as you can to change gears faultlessly.
- (2) Keep spare lamp bulbs in the car if you are driving at night. A complete spare set costs less than a police-court fine for driving without lights.
- (3) Never start your engine with the electric starter when all the lamps are alight. It is placing an unfair strain on the battery.
- (4) Test your car battery once a week.
- (5) Keep your windscreen clean. It makes driving, especially at night, much easier.

"NERVES."

Middle of the Road Drivers.

Criticism of middle-of-the-road drivers and insistent demands for higher speed limits for motor-coaches and lorries were made at a conference on the effects of the Road Traffic Act held at Olympia in connection with the Commercial Motor Transport Exhibition.

Mr. F. G. Bristow, secretary of the Commercial Motor Users' Association, said that while the Act had undoubtedly done a great deal of good in many ways, such as improving the general standard of driving and forcing irresponsible operators of coaches and buses to realise their obligations to the community, there was much that bore harshly on the transport industry and seriously re-

MOTOR TRAFFIC.

Subways for Manchester?

The attitude of the police towards high speeds by motorists on roads such as Kingsway, Manchester, was criticised by Mr. T. Boulger, secretary of the Peak District and Northern Footpaths Preservation Society, in an address to Manchester members of the Pedestrians' Association.

"I would challenge the Chief Constable," said Mr. Boulger, "to issue a statement showing the number of prosecutions against motorists for driving to the danger of the public in cases where no accident has resulted. The rule appears to be that where there is no accident there can be no danger. We would say, remove the danger and there will be no accidents, or at all events they will be considerably fewer. Even where there are prosecutions, the penalties imposed by certain magistrates seem to be altogether inadequate. They do not seem to realise that the offence for which the motorist is being tried might have resulted in a serious injury or the death of a pedestrian, and having regard to the latter possibility we are asked to believe that a penalty of £1 or £2 is adequate."

Recalling the association's successful effort to have a street refuge erected near Manchester University, he went on: "As soon as the roadway in Market Street has been widened, consequent on the setting back of Messrs. Rylands's warehouse, we propose to submit plans showing the places where refuges would be of considerable help to the pedestrian. I am rather surprised that Manchester has not made use of subways to divert foot passengers from the busy street crossings. I still maintain that a subway constructed at the bottom of the London Road Station approach would save a vast amount of time for both vehicular traffic and pedestrians."

stricted its efficient and economic working.

Instead of a long schedule of speed limits from eight to thirty miles per hour he advocated three, of sixteen, twenty and thirty-five. There was no logical or technical grounds for distinguishing between goods and passenger vehicles, and thirty-five miles per hour, which was recommended by the Royal Commission, should be permitted to all commercial vehicles fitted with pneumatic tyres.

If the efficient and economic operation of road motor transport were not to be seriously restricted in its activities, immediate steps must be taken to secure amendments to the speed schedules.

An important cause of traffic congestion was the crowding towards the middle of the road, mainly due to the nervousness, incompetence, and thoughtlessness of inexperienced drivers of private cars. One of the first duties of the mobile police should be to check these middle-of-the-road drivers.

Mr. C. Laurence King, presiding at a luncheon given by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said that the repercussions of the Road Traffic Act had been felt by manufacturer and user alike. The omnibus and carriage business had been affected to such an extent that there was only the same number of hackney carriage vehicles in use to-day as there were eight years ago. That was due partly to the decreased spending power of the public, but also to the uncertainty on the part of operators in obtaining a running licence.



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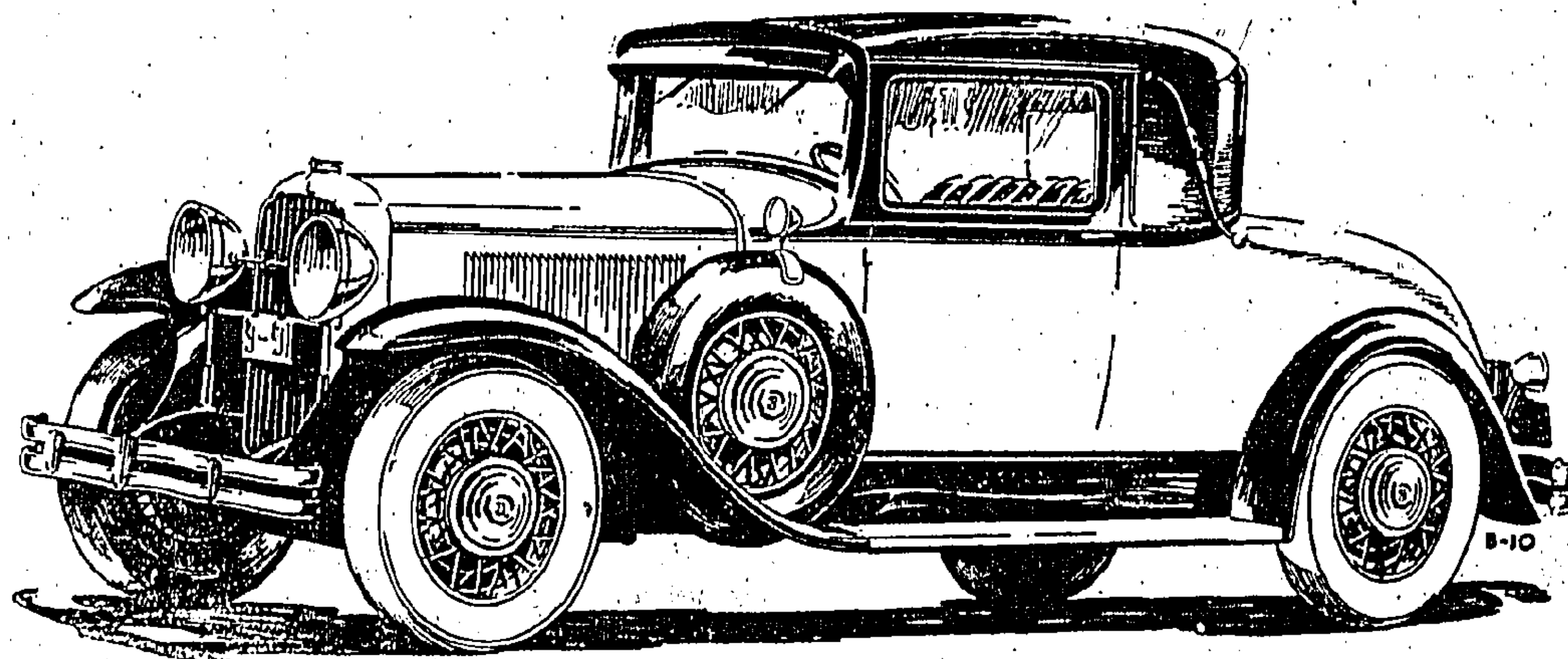
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SPOT LIGHT FOR POLICE.

A job with the Southampton police will soon be no career for a modest man. The motorists in those parts have been complaining that at night they cannot tell the difference between a policeman and a stretch of road paving—so the constables who have to stand in the middle of the road and control the purblind traffic are to be "floodlighted" for all the world as though they were architectural exhibits or music-hall stars. The next move is with the motorists—who will probably say that they were dazzled by the brilliance of the apparition in the middle of the road and bumped bang into him, even as the bewildered moth bumps against a lighted window.

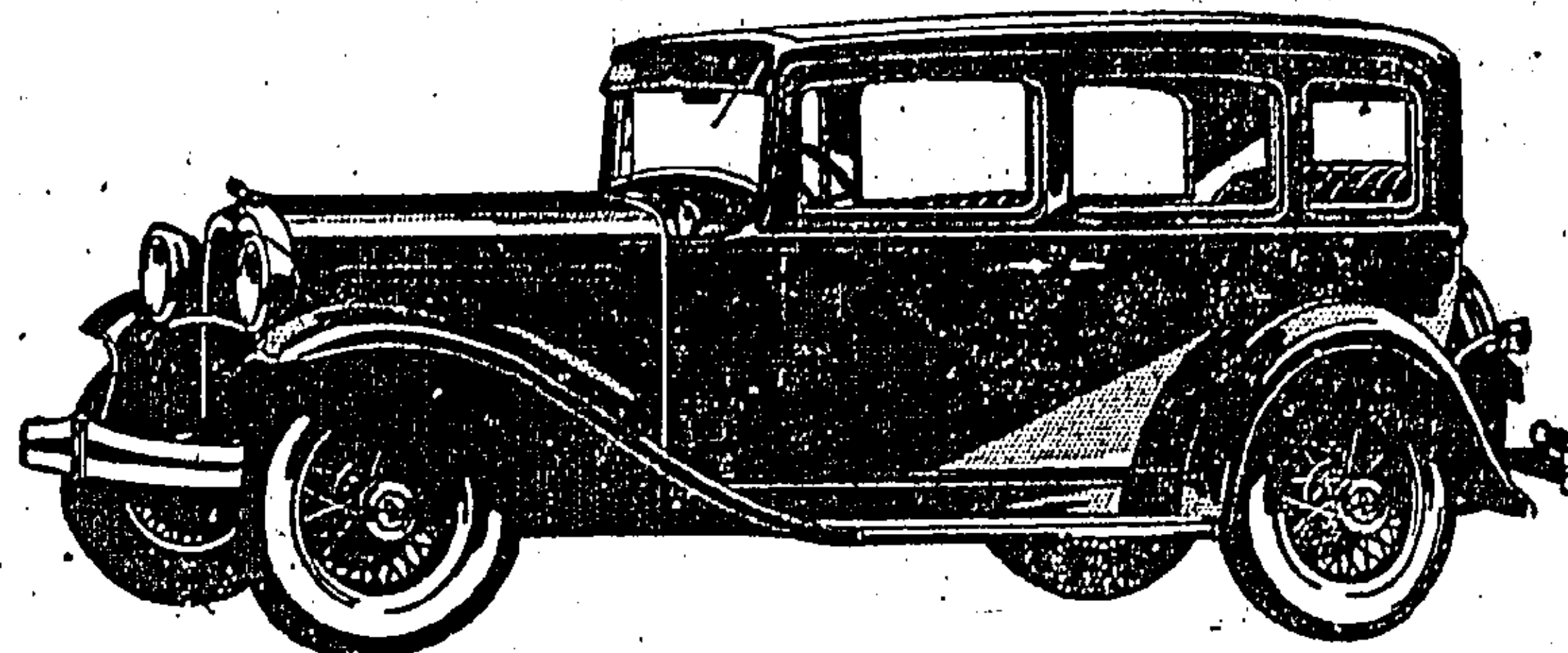
It all seems rather hard lines on the policeman who has no love for the lime-light and would rather get on with his job in ordinary, everyday obscurity. However, reticence is out of date, and he, like many others, must pay the penalty for the modern passion for high lights. Perhaps he ought to be thankful that the Southampton authorities have not taken him out of his sober blue and put him into a pink domino, with a green hat and a false nose.

ROAD AND RAIL JEALOUSY.

Sir George Beharrell, speaking at the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders' luncheon to the Railway Companies Association at Olympia said he believed there had been a feeling in the past that there was a kind of antagonism between the road interests and the rail interests. There certainly was some envy and jealousy, but things were changing.

The railway companies themselves felt that they must go on to the road. They asked for powers to do so, and Parliament in its wisdom gave them those powers. "But we are moving away from those days, and there is now a recognition that road motor transport fulfils a definite public need. Some services are pre-eminently suited for the road and others pre-eminently suited for the rail. A third kind of service is pre-eminently suited either for the road or the rail, and we have got to get together and study the public interest to know which is best."

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'STINNIE' MORRIS AND A. B. WARNES.

Return Fight for the Welterweight Title.

ARTICLES SIGNED.

(Mail Special.)
Articles were signed last night between Signalman "Stinnie" Morris of H.M.S. Suffolk and A.B. Warnes of H.M.S. Hermes for a return bout for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony and H.E. the Governor's Belt. The bout is to take place at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday, December 23, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

These two clever boxers, it will be remembered, fought for the Welterweight Championship at the H.K.B.A. tournament at the Theatre Royal on November 28, when both weighed in at 146 lb. They then put up one of the most thrilling bouts seen here over fifteen rounds, Morris securing a well earned decision at the close of a hard fight. Warnes issued a challenge for a return bout immediately after Morris was declared champion and the Belt was fastened on him by Sir William Peel. The challenge received popular approval and to-day's signing of articles is the outcome.

Since their recent fight both Morris and Warnes have kept in good trim, both taking part in the China Fleet Championships. They both figured in the finals at the Theatre Royal on December 4, giving away weight. Morris won the Middleweight Championship of the Fleet, and Warnes conquered all opposition in the Welterweight class.

The forthcoming bout will be a battle of champions in their own rights and will be keenly looked forward to by all boxing enthusiasts who saw them scrap last month.

It is understood that a bumper programme is being arranged in which it is hoped to figure several of the semi-finalists and finalists of the Fleet Championships.

PRIMO CARNERA WINS A TITLE.

Dreadnaught Title Won by K.O.

CAMPOLLO NO MATCH.

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., Nov. 27.

Primo Carnera won his "dreadnaught" title to-day from Victorio Campollo of the Argentine by a knockout in the second round.

The two heavies were scheduled to go 15 rounds, but the Italian proved again that he is no bluff when he knocked the Argentine down almost before the fighters were warmed up.

The giants slugged throughout the two rounds. Campollo took the first round, but appeared tired as this round ended.

Carnera floored the Argentine before administering the knock out blow in the second. When Campollo took the final dive to the canvas it appeared he could rise if he wished to when he was counted out.

Campollo, who made an auspicious start in America two years ago has tried a comeback unsuccessfully.

Carnera was the favourite before the fight and lived up to all expectations.—United Press.

SOUTH AFRICANS IN DRAWN GAME.

Match Abandoned Owing to Rain.

Sydney, Yesterday.
The match between the South African touring eleven and New South Wales was abandoned to-day owing to rain.—Reuter.

Scores:—
New South Wales: 500 (D. G. Bradman 219, Hird 101, Q. McMillan 6 for 189).
South Africans: 185 for 1 (S. Curnow 81, D. P. B. Morkel 70*).

DONCASTER BEAT BARROW.

Third Replay Requires Extra Time.

SINGLE GOAL.

London, Yesterday.
Doncaster succeeded at last in eliminating Barrow in the first round of the F.A. Cup after three replays. The match, which was played at Leeds, required extra time before Doncaster scored the all-important goal.—Reuter.

SPRINGBOKS GAIN BIG VICTORY.

Combined Cheshire and Lancashire XV.

20 POINTS TO 9.

London, Yesterday.
The Springboks Rugby touring side defeated a Combined Cheshire and Lancashire fifteen by 20 points to 9 to-day.—Reuter.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

GOLF — To-day — R.H.K.G.C. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Championship Third Round and Semi-Final.

CRICKET — Saturday—League II.—C.C.C. v. R.E. & R.C.S.; Friendlies — Senior — Navy v. I.R.C.; University v. C.S.C.C.; H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.; Junior — C.S.C.C. v. University; K.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.; I.R.C. v. Recreation.

FOOTBALL — Saturday — Lai Wah Cup — Army v. Civilian; Division II.—Club v. University; Navy v. Borderers; 12th Battery v. Argyle; R.A.O.C. v. Kowloon; Division III.—St. Joseph's v. L.A.W. BOWLS—Saturday—Closing Day at Kowloon Bowling Green Club; Unveiling of the Record Board at 9 p.m.

RACING—Saturday—Fourteenth Extra Meeting at Happy Valley. RUGBY FOOTBALL—Saturday—Club v. Navy on the Club ground, Happy Valley.

UNIVERSITY TEAM FOR SATURDAY.

Friendly Cricket.

The following have been chosen to represent the University in a friendly match against the Civil Service C.C. on Saturday, at 2 p.m., on the home ground.—D. J. N. Anderson, A. T. Lee, L. T. Ride, F. R. Zimmer, A. Bakar, A. M. Rodriguez, P. M. N. da Silva, A. T. Nomanbhoy, H. Nomanbhoy, E. L. Gosano, and A. N. Other.

The following will represent the H.K.U.C.C. 2nd XI in a friendly match against the C.S.C.C. 2nd XI at Happy Valley on Saturday, at 2 p.m., sharp.—P. L. Tan, G. S. Scully, G. E. Yeoh, A. A. Aziz, R. E. G. Leong, D. Roy, K. P. Gan, W. K. Choa, B. K. Ng, D. Hunt, M. M. Yayahoy, Reserves, S. Tata, and N. F. Lai.

DATES FOR FANLING HUNT.

This Month's Meets.

The Fanling Hunt hounds will meet on the following days:

Sunday, December 13 at Hunters Arms, 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16 at Sheung Shul, 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday, December 23 at the Kennels, 3.15 p.m.
Saturday, December 26 at Anandale, 2.45 p.m.
(cap for Kennelmen's Xmas box).

VOLUNTEERS SIDE FOR SUNDAY.

The following team will represent the Volunteers in their match against the Club de Recreation on the latter's ground on Sunday, commencing at 11 a.m.:—
A. C. Beck (captain), R. H. Griffiths, E. K. West, J. P. Whitham, J. E. Richardson, N. A. E. Mackay, S. V. Gittins, D. McLellan, F. S. W. Smith, L. T. Ride, and A. H. Harbord.

TWO PENALTY GOALS BY ROBERTSON.

Bank's Narrow Victory Over Kowloon.

FERGUSON'S SPECTACULAR TRY.

At Happy Valley yesterday the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank defeated the Kowloon Rugby Club by two penalty goals (6 points) to a try (3 points).

Weather conditions made it essentially a forwards game and as a result the ball was seldom seen to go along the three-quarter line. At forward Kowloon held a slight superiority in the loose but in the line outs they were definitely outplayed. In the tight scrummages Kowloon were the heavier pack and succeeded in gaining possession nearly everytime. The one big fault with their forwards was their lack of experience. Feet up in the scrum before the ball is put in can only be treated in one manner—a penalty kick for the opposition—and thus it was yesterday that Robertson gave the Bank an early lead with a fine kick from just outside the 25 line. Until the Kowloon front row forwards learn to keep their feet down until the ball is in the tight scrum they are going to be a definite menace to their own side.

Another point which struck me about the Kowloon forwards was their heeling in their own 25. Under the existing conditions it was suicide to heel the slippery ball for the three quarters to endeavour to make ground. Clean handling of the ball was almost impossible and even with a dry ball it is a dangerous policy to heel when within their own 25.

The Bank forwards were ragged but several of them lacked training and therefore must not be judged too harshly. The Bank backs were the superior combination and though there were few movements they all spelt danger to the Kowloon line. Turner's handling was brilliant and one cut through he effected looked like producing a certain try, but the slippery ball caused a knock on from his pass. Fox played well in defence, getting down to the ball time and again in the face of a forward rush, but he seldom saw the ball in attack. Robertson was not so outstanding as usual, but he did not receive an opportunity to show his thrust. He kicked two beautiful penalty goals to score all the Bank points.

Ferguson was hampered by the loss of two men in the first half but in the second half, playing in his accustomed position on the wing, he ended a brilliant solo effort starting from his own twenty-five line by touching down between the posts. It was a great and spectacular try and it was disappointing to see the kick at goal fall so miserably.

Result,
Bank 6 pts.
Kowloon 3 pts.

ARSENAL INFLICT BIG DEFEAT.

Spanish Tourists at Highbury.

London, Yesterday.
At Highbury to-day the Arsenal defeated the touring Spanish association football eleven by seven goals to one.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Nearly sixty thousand people watched England beat Spain by seven goals to one in an Association Football match at Highbury, London, to-day.—British Wireless Service.

CLUB "A" AGAINST C.B.A.

To-morrow's Hockey.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" team against the C.B.A. on the Club ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow:—E. S. Moses, L. A. R. Duncan, L. F. Nicholson, F. W. Allen, E. G. Dale, K. H. Uttley, R. W. Sapsed, W. H. Smith, R. H. D. Wade, W. A. Nowers, and G. F. Rees.

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

In honour of their Golden wedding anniversary, Sir Robert and Lady Margaret Ho Tung gave a sumptuous party at the Peninsula Hotel on December 2, in the afternoon, and it was largely attended, those present including H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel. Sir William, in the course of a speech, referred to the magnificent work that both Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung had done in the cause of charity. Sir Robert, in replying, said it was with great pleasure that he donated \$200,000 for children's welfare and education in the Colony. A full report of the celebration is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Mrs. Helen Wills-Moody, world's champion tennis star, did honour to Hong Kong by visiting the port on December 4, and consented to play in exhibition matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club on December 8. The latter attracted an enormous crowd, and the star gave a brilliant display of the art and technique of tennis. E. C. Fincher, the local runner-up of the Singles' championship, beat Mrs. Wills-Moody, in a set that extended to twenty games. A detailed report is furnished in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

In the early hours of December 5, a village elder was murdered in Chung Uk Village, in the Ping Shan district. The crime was most brutal, and the motive was apparently robbery. The tragedy was first discovered by the deceased's daughter-in-law who entered the house, and found him lying on a bed dead. He appeared to have been dead for some time, as the body was already stiff and cold. From the villagers, the Police investigators, learned that two strange men had been visiting the place on three occasions. A full report of the outrage is contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

There was a bright tone at the Thirteenth Extra Race meeting held at Happy Valley on December 5. The dividends paid in some of the events were excellent, Glorious Stag paying over \$80 in the first race of the day, whilst Sonny Boy, who was third in the event, paid over \$45. In the absence of Apollo, who was not entered, Sitting Bull, again triumphed in the big event, the November Handicap. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives a detailed report of the meet.

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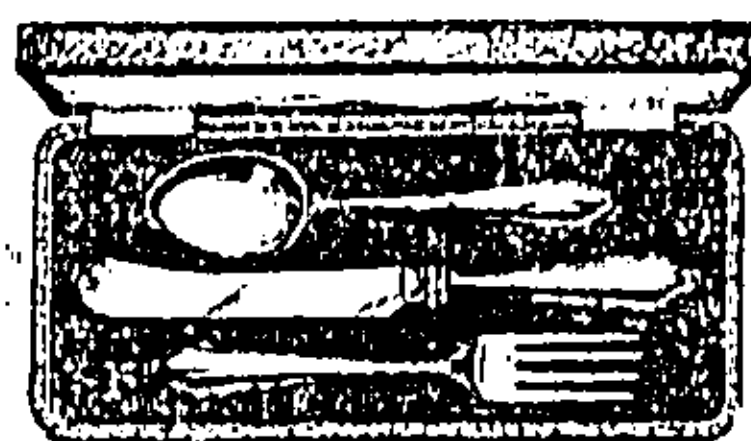
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"SHOW GIRL OF HOLLYWOOD."

How a talking picture is produced, the vagaries that the cast have to put up with, and the difficulties that face the producer, are seen in First National Vitaphone's "Show Girl of Hollywood," featuring Allee White and Jack Mulhall, now showing at the Queen's Theatre. Whilst telling of this interesting art in filmdom, one is given a glimpse of Loretta Young, Al Jolson, and Noah Beery, all popular film stars.

Blanche Sweet, an old favourite of silent days, is heard for the first time in "Show Girl of Hollywood" which tells of the importation of a prospective actress (played Miss White) from New York to Hollywood, and of how she is fooled into a job, then her "flop" and, later, of course, her success, after negotiating with the right side of things. She sings "I've Got My Eye on You" delightfully, and participates in a gorgeously coloured dance number in the finale.

From Other Sources.

"THE SMILING LIEUTENANT."

Such rollicking happiness as was generated at the King's Theatre last night must be enjoyed! There Maurice Chevalier made love and sang; Ernst Lubitsch's delicious comedy created tears, and Claudette Colbert's brunette beauty competed for favour with Miriam Hopkins's vivacious loveliness. "The Smiling Lieutenant" brings the inimitable and beloved Chevalier in a romantic comedy role such as he never had on the screen; the kind of role that combines the wistful beauty of his part in "Innocents of Paris" with the gorgeous gaiety of his role in "The Love Parade"; with songs that vie in catchiness with the numbers he sang in "The Big Pond."

"EAST LYNNE."

Places and scenes shown in "East Lynne," Frank Lloyd's Fox Movietone production which is coming to the King's Theatre very soon, can be vouched for as realistic by Clive Brook, who, with Conrad Nagel, plays opposite the lovely Ann Harding.

Most play-goers know by this time that Clive Brook came to the films from Britain. Perhaps they do not know, however, that he is as familiar with Paris, Vienna and other places on the continent where scenes of "East Lynne" are laid.

Ann Harding appears as Isabel and Conrad Nagel as Carlyle. The director, Frank Lloyd, has given Mrs. Henry Wood's fine old novel a splendid interpretation.

"THE SEA GOD."

Drama to the depths—action and adventure to the crested tips of the topmost palm, is offered to-day at the Central Theatre in "The Sea God." Paramount talking romance dealing with the experiences which befall a bronzed young sea-god, a primitive-tempered maid of the South Seas, and a brutal trader, on, about, over and in the waters surrounding a cannibal isle.

Richard Arlen and Fay Wray, the "Border Legion" lovers, are the principal wayfarers. Eugene Pallette, a sergeant of sleuths and cowhand of parts, goes "salt" as Arlen's first mate, first class. Robert Glecker is the "menace"; and other subordinate portrayals are given by Ivan Simpson, Bob Perry, Maurice Black and Fred Wallace.

Events bizarre as an untapped world are unfolded as the youthful adventurer outwits pagan tribes, beats back a rival, captures the heart of a girl and sails away with love and fortune, all the spoils of a victorious spirit.

"THE GREAT LOVER."

Cross-word puzzles may be "passed" for most people, but not for Ernest Torrence. The six-foot four-inch character actor is still crazy about them. He claims that, next to playing the piano, they give him his greatest relaxation.

Torrence's latest screen role is as the valet to Adolphe Menjou in "The Great Lover," which opens at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday. This is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's film version of the New York stage success.

RADIO.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-5.30 p.m.—European Children's Recorded Programme.

Orchestral—Rhythms for Children—Spinning Song, The Little Hunters, Of a Tailor and a Bear, The Wild Horseman, Victor Orchestra.

Recitation—Jack and the Beanstalk, Sally Hamlin.

Piano Solos—Lullaby—A Jolly Time (Primo), Lullaby—A Jolly Time (Secundo), Hazel Gertrude Kincaid.

Recitation—Cinderella, Sally Hamlin.

Relay of "The Smiling Lieutenant" from the King's Theatre by courtesy of the management.

7.03-8 p.m.—Programme of Victor-Records.

7.03-7.30 p.m.—Instrumental.

Violin Solo—Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 4 (Liszt), Staccato—Caprice (Max Vogrich), Yolanda Mero.

Piano Solo—Legend of the Canyon (Cadenman), Caprice Antique (Balogh-Kreisler), Fritz Kreisler.

Violin Solo—Alt-Wien (Old Vienna) (Godowsky), Prelude in A Minor (Debussy), Isabelle Yalkovsky.

7.30-8 p.m.—Orchestral. In a Clock Store (Orff), A Hunt in the Black Forest (Voelker), Victor Concert Orchestra.

Egmont Overture (Beethoven), Victor Symphony Orchestra. Raymond Overture (Thomas), Victor Symphony Orchestra.

8 p.m.—Local Time. 8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

BOOKS WANTED IN GOAL.

Prisoner's Plea to Court.

Declaring that he would like to have something to read during his long imprisonment term in the Municipal gaol, Lee Tse-ching, the 18-year old Communist, who was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by the Second Branch Kiangsu High Court on October 3 for propagating doctrines irreconcilable with the Three People's Principles, made an application before the Court for the sale of his personal belongings, which were seized by police at the time of his arrest and since been detained at the police station, so that the proceeds of the sale may be used for the purchase of books for him to read in the gaol. His application was granted by the Court which issued instructions to this effect to the police, says the North China Daily News of November 29.

Lee, together with Ling Ying, a young student of a local law school, resided at 229, Woohang Road, until August 30 last when detectives from the West Hongkew police station, whilst conducting inquiries at the premises in connection with a larceny case, discovered in the two men's room a large quantity of Communist newspapers and booklets. Questioned by the police officers, the two students readily admitted that the literature was theirs.

Brought before the High Court on the following day, they admitted being Communists, Lee stating that he joined the Communist Party in December last when he was studying in a law school. Ling told the Court that he became a Communist on August 1, 1930.

On October 3, the Court concluded the hearing of the case and sentenced Lee to three years' imprisonment and Ling, 11 years. As they left the dock after being sentenced, both of them shouted out: "Down with the Kuomintang Government and the Imperialists!"

SOME NERVE.

Thief Calls Policeman To Help Him.

"Hard-faced" by name and steel-nerved by nature, Juan Pita recently cleared out the entire stock of a silk store in Buenos Aires.

He loaded it into a motor-lorry and then called a policeman to help him start the lorry.

Juan, however, has been arrested, caught red-handed while trying to steal motor-car tyres. The man who arrested him was the policeman who helped him start the lorry on the previous occasion.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-morrow—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

December 17—At Helena May Institute, song recital by Miss J. H. Chamberlain, 5.30 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "The Smiling Lieutenant."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Show Girl in Hollywood."

To-day—Central Theatre; "The Sea God."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Paris Bound."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Remote Control."

To-morrow—"Miss Hook of Holland," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m. sharp.

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Wire	95 1/4
On demand	95 3/4
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On demand	61 3/4
On Manila—	
On demand	47 1/2
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On demand	77 1/2
Dollar	2 1/2 % dis.
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Athens	24 3/4
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Rio	4 3/4
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Hong Kong, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1931.

The Problem of India.

The debate now in progress in the House of Lords is decidedly important. Important for two reasons. One, the effect on Indian opinion which what is said will exercise, irrespective of the fact that the House of Lords, by a majority, may be expected to endorse Government's policy as expressed by the Premier. And two, in the course of the debate, as in the case of Lord Irwin already, we may expect to have expressed the very considered opinions of men who have actually borne the burden and heat of the day in the highest office in India.

It is too much to expect, maybe, that the Conservative "Die Hards" will take into consideration, or bother their heads about, the effect of their utterances in India. Whether such utterances embarrass the authorities in India and at Home, especially at the critical stage to which negotiations and discussions have progressed to-day, seemingly is of no concern to them. On the other hand, why should it be a matter of concern to them? They are convinced that the present policy to be pursued is the wrong policy, so have every right to give forcible expression to their views. It is unfortunate, however, that to-day these views are being expressed by members of that political party which, in fact, is strong enough in the present Government to dilute very greatly its Nationalism by means of Conservatism. That fact is recognised in India and already has been seized upon to make capital out of and to perpetuate the cry, "Britain is not to be trusted." It is just for that that Lord Snell made an appeal, but the appeal, it seems certain, will meet with no response in the present temper of political India, a temper which is being fanned into greater heat by veiled threats of a possible countermandation of promises already made and assurances given.

Lord Irwin appreciates this fact, and one ought to pay very close attention to one who has but recently laid down the reins of office as Viceroy of India and one of whom it has been confidently predicted that his name will be inscribed in history hereafter as among the greatest and most highly successful Viceroys of India. And the portion of his

There is no doubt that some progress has been made in the approach to one of the greatest political problems Britain has been called upon to solve. It is true that progress has not been as great as had been hoped for, and that the activities of the Extremists in India have made that little progress seem even smaller. It is to be hoped that Lord Sankey's belief, "We are on the eve of a peaceful solution of the Indian problem," is not merely father to the wish; that in truth it is so, that he is convinced they have been able to pick up the trail which will lead out from this Indian jungle.

In the forest, which has grown up in the past many years around this problem of India, one, so to speak, cannot see the wood for the trees. The essential point, however, as Lord Sankey took the occasion of the debate to point out, is that India desired a greater share in the management of her own affairs. That is a laudable desire. It is an aspiration which is a fundamental principle of British civilising missions and as such to be encouraged and not discouraged. The problem is, how is that to be accomplished in fairness to all interests concerned. The fact some persons overlook is that a great body of people cannot be kept in tutelage indefinitely. It is true of family life and equally true of the life of nations. We know what occurs when such tutelage is prolonged or when tutelage is forced upon the younger members of a family. We know also what keeps families united. The very same principles apply in the case of nations. So, in the case of India, and not only of India but of other countries in the East and elsewhere, countries which are reckoned to be backward or lagging in so far as political concepts are concerned.

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speech which needs to be particularly stressed is that in which he expressed his firm belief that "it was a profound delusion to treat the events in India as the work of a minority which, if firmly and effectively handled, would fade away and give no more trouble."

That is, indeed, a profound delusion. Yes, by all means, deal firmly and effectively with the terrorist. He may "fade away and give no more trouble." That is a policy upon which the Government of India has embarked. But legitimate political aspirations cannot be stifled with panaceas, cannot be made to "fade away and give no more trouble" by the employment of similar means. These aspirations must be slaked. And it is better to slake them with the waters of reasonableness than attempt to assuage the thirst with the vinegar of force.

From Other Pens.

These Round Table Conferences.

In constitutional matters it would appear that those parts of the Empire which make the noisiest noise (that variety which is alleged to cause excessive annoyance to bivalent nervous systems) get the most generous treatment. Those parts of the Empire which always behave themselves and never come to table with hands, face or neck unwashed get the least. Witness Ireland, India and Egypt. Who has so vivid an imagination as to conceive a Round Table Conference for Malaya or Hong Kong? A possessor of such an imagination should become a lawyer or a hack journalist.—A. H. L. in the Pinang Gazette.

A Story With A Moral.

Here is a true story of an Englishman in Tientsin. It has a moral—"Buy British." In a Chinese garage the Englishman saw a filthy and abandoned old motor-car with a bonnet that seemed somehow familiar. Looking closer he discovered that it was an ancient model of a famous British make. "I bought it," he wrote home to his wife, "not because I could afford it, but because I hated to see it dirty and neglected in a Chinese garage, and I wanted to see it cared for."

He had the body taken off and everything moveable on the chassis stripped down to the last bolt. The date revealed on the crankcase was November 1908.

The engine was found to be perfect, and, in spite of a half-inch of carbon on the pistons, the only thing requiring replacement was one piston ring. He took it out on the road for the first time, and it shot into thirty-five miles at a touch of the accelerator.

To celebrate the old car's 23rd birthday its proud owner has planned an extensive trip into Mongolia over the Nankow Pass.—Daily Telegraph.

News in Brief.

Up to 4 p.m. yesterday the rainfall for the day was 3.57 inches—a December record, it is believed.

Yesterday's lowest open air temperature was 65 degrees. The humidity was 85 at 10 a.m. and also at 4 p.m.

Sergeant Morris, of the Water Police, has reported that a conservancy junk, number unknown, is aground and water-logged at the west end of Stonecutter's Island.

After drinking some liniment of turpentine, in an alleged attempt to commit suicide, Chan Ming-ching, aged 29 years, and living at 2, Bowring Canal Road, was taken to hospital in a condition which may be serious later.

The first-rate talking picture "Paris Bound," starring Ann Harding and Fredric March, will be shown for the first time in the Colony, at the Majestic Theatre to-day. Miss Harding will be remembered for her excellent work in "Holiday," screened in the Central Theatre only recently. Mr. March is a great favourite, and has starred in many films, including "Lighter" and "Royal Family of Broadway."

PUREE DE POIS

By
BESOMORO.

THE ART EXHIBITION.

Many engagements and activities may be sacrificed with advantage in order to pay a visit to the Art Exhibition in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, Exchange Building. The Exhibition closes to-morrow evening. I had no idea that the Colony could boast of so many amateur artists of so high a standard. All the work on exhibit reflects the greatest credit on the exhibitors, and I am glad to have had an opportunity of viewing so many excellent paintings, etchings, line cuts, statutory work, and photographs. I shall admit however, that Mr. Arnold's cubist work had me beat and guessing all the way, as the saying goes. That is not because it is either bad or indifferent (on the contrary I have been assured that it is decidedly modern and attractive) but this modern art, frankly, I cannot understand.

THE TALE OF LITTLE JACKIE.

Little Jackie was born free and, up to a little while back, had lived a free life. The wide open spaces for him. True, a great many dangers beset him every day and all the while, but he kept his eyes and wits about him and evaded them successfully, until he met man. Man was his undoing. From man to man he passed until at last he came to dwell in Hong Kong, and in a house where he was shown off for educational purposes. Now Jackie was not badly treated. Certainly not. He was well looked after and had plenty to eat. Some times more than was good for him. That was all very well and nice, but the one thing he desired most was his freedom, and that was denied him. He was behind bars. Jackie, of course, is a monkey, and a very nice monkey too. But those bars irritated him. Try as he would he could not get on the other side of them. Then, one day, fortune favoured him. I should say rather the monkey god favoured him. Somehow or the other he got away from that cage. How and when are immaterial. And he roamed from the top of one building to another, thoroughly enjoying his freedom. Finally he found a very delightful home in a large and imposing building in Queen's Road Central, just across the way from an hotel. He entered and took up temporary occupation. The pangs of hunger making themselves felt he went

foraging and by instinct discovered a pantry—the pantry attached to the caretaker's quarters. He picked up a cup, or dish or some such other thing, hoping to find something eatable in it. He was disappointed. So he dropped the piece of china with disgust. But, what a delightful noise it made as it fell and crashed on the floor! That noise pleased him immensely. Forthwith he proceeded to please himself at the expense of the caretaker until he was disturbed and driven from the room. Next day he was discovered asleep in a room and, after all avenues of retreat for him had been closed, what an exciting chase ensued. But he was no match for the ingenuity of man. Once again he became captive. In the meantime, his late captors had advertised his disappearance and offered a reward. So, away to the advertiser was Jackie taken, but was he handed over? No. It seems there was some haggling over the reward, and his recent captors refused to part with him until the advertised amount was paid. Where Jackie is to-day, I don't know. But, wherever he is, I hope he is being well treated. Better still, I hope he has regained his freedom for yet another time, and that this time he will remain free. Surely, he deserves it. Poor Jackie! I sympathise with you in your efforts to assert your right to freedom. Don't you? I don't mean Jackie, I mean you—and, after all, is there a very great deal of difference? By the way, I am not at all sure it was a Jackie, it may have been a Jill!

TENNIS.

Since Tuesday evening I have had, tennis and Helen for dinner, early morning tea, breakfast, tiffin, afternoon tea and dinner again. And, strange to say, I am yet not nauseated. But, for all that, I don't think I can do with very much more. I reckon I have had my full five dollars worth, and I am "truly thankful" to Mrs. Moody, Mr. E. C. Fincher, Messrs. H. D. Rumjahn, S. A. Rumjahn and M. W. Lo for an entertaining and instructive afternoon at Kowloon. May I yet be spared to sit at the centre court of the Mecca of tennis, for the fleeting glimpses of what tennis really is and how it ought to be played, as exhibited by the world's lady champion, has whetted my appetite and it will now take some satisfying.

"BOYCOTT" WAR.

U.S. Committee To Study Its Application.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, has formed a "Committee on economic sanctions" to undertake the study of the possible use of economic pressure by the United States against a nation declaring war in violation of treaties.

Dr. Butler said he was hopeful that the committee would be able to make a definite report before the end of the year as an aid to the forthcoming Disarmament Conference at Geneva.

The committee include an ambassador to Great Britain, Mr. Alanson B. Houghton, a statistician, Mr. Leonard P. Ayers, a famous lawyer, Mr. Silas H. Strawn, and the President of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

To-day's Thought.

It seems some people haven't anything to do unless they are telling others what to do.

Ten Years Ago.

From the "China Mail" of December 11, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

The annual triangular tournament between the Club Lullitano, Club do Recreio, and the Catholic Club was again won by the last named Club this year. The tournament, which lasted over a month, produced some excellent billiards, prominent among the players being A. J. Osmond, the Colony's champion, P. A. Yvanovitch, the champion, L. R. Osmond, and E. Gulmaras, who gave very creditable performances.

Personal Par.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Charles Irvin Barnes, of 65, Avenida Cons. F. d'Almeida, Macao, at present staying at the St. Francis Hotel, and Emanuela Hyndman Rosario, of Macao.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Bruce—South wall.
Cornwall—No. 6 buoy.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Kent—North arm.
Matagon—East wall.
Medway and Sub.—No. 2 buoy.
Olympus—In dock.
Osiris—In dock.
Perseus—In dock.
Serapis—North wall.
Sirdar—North wall.
Sterling—North wall.
Suffolk—West wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French gunboat.
Cronos—French despatch vessel.
Gil Eanes—Portuguese transport.
Saga—Japanese gunboat.

MY ELECTION NIGHT

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By J. B. PRIESTLY.

If I were a real journalist I would produce a "wonder election night" for you. I would stun you with scenes of conflict and enthusiasm. Journalists—like fortune-tellers, with their legends of money, journeys and dark women—have a trick of making life seem always more exciting than it really is.

But I am not a real journalist—only a writer of fiction, and we writers of fiction have a prosaic habit of observing life quite realistically. You will get no "Cavalcade" of an election night from me.

The night began for me in my club when I dined. I wish I could show you the club dining-room, crammed with anxious faces, but unfortunately there were only about half a dozen of us there and nobody looked anxious, except one very old member who did not like the look of his sole. But just after nine the steward, with the air of a man about to perform a pretty good conjuring trick, produced a blackboard on an easel. Then he began chalking up results—Election night had started.

Round the Blackboard.

Very soon we formed a dense group of seven round the blackboard. I do not remember what the results were, except that they were very satisfactory to all right-thinking men. Elections are arranged with some reference to dramatic construction, so that the earliest results are always dull, and you have to wait for the exciting ones.

Just after ten I left the club and wandered about the streets for an hour. And very unpleasant streets they were, too, so raw, so foggy. It was no night for open-air demonstrations, for, strictly speaking, there was no open air. You felt that the stuff you were breathing had been used for several years in St. Pancras and Euston Stations.

There were, of course, a great many more people about than usual, and now and then you saw a few rosettes and heard a distant shout. But things were very quiet. It was no night for pulling down the Carlton Club and declaring the victory of the proletariat above its ruins.

Nevertheless, the police were apparently not taking any chances. I found Trafalgar Square—long my favourite resort on election nights filled with people who were being told by earnest constables that they would not learn any results there. But all the people stayed on and stared on, for ever looking hopefully at the glittering advertisements of cinemas and cough cures.

And that was all. No rich human interest stuff to be had in Trafalgar Square. There was, however, a curious glimpse of love-liness, for in that odd half-light made of fog and illuminations, the Square had a beautiful quality of black and silver, and the lamps reflected dimly in the pool were like serene distant constellations.

There was nothing serene about the Cafe Royal. I contrived, after some difficulty, to find a seat and a little table in the balcony, from which I had a good view of the crowded cafe below, the screen on which the results were thrown, and the ladies' orchestra that insisted upon playing Land of Hope and Glory. (Let me admit, here and now, that this somewhat bumpkins refrain does not excite in me any patriotic fervour.)

The First Cheer.

Results were now coming through at such a rate that one completely forgot such things as wine, whiskey, chicken, kidneys and bacon.

The patrons of the cafe below seemed to be either true blues or disappointed reds. (This is as it should be. You can hardly imagine a Liberal in the Cafe Royal.)

It was here that I learned of the temporary extinction of Mr. Henderson. This produced the first big cheer of the evening. I suspect many of the Labour people present joined in, not because they had suddenly changed sides, but simply to have a cheer. After all, man is the cheering and applauding animal.

The spirit of the place was one of immense good humour. If there is ever a revolution in this country it will not begin in the neighbourhood of Piccadilly Circus. Even after all those solemn warnings and all those grave leading articles about democracy at the cross-roads, these people, one felt, still regarded a General Election as a big sporting event, something between the Oaks and the Derby.

I do not admire this attitude of mind, but I understand it. To be candid, I never quite grasp the connection between electioneering and governing the country. All those little stunts—the homely talks to old ladies, the admiring of voters' babies, all the placard and rosette work—seem to me rather far removed from Westminster. The only time this country is genuinely democratic is at General Elections, and that is the very time, I regret to say, when my own faith in the democratic system begins to weaken.

The screen began to hint to us that the Opposition in this new House of Commons, if led at all, would have to be led from outside the House. After Mr. Henderson, Mr. Greenwood vanished, and then Mr. Alexander followed them into limbo. We did not greet these results with very fierce yells of triumph. We were rather amused.

Some people, of the truest blue, could even say that they felt rather sorry. This, of course, was because they regarded an election as a sporting event. Meanwhile, the waiters brought more and more tall glasses of lager; the little foreign gentleman at the next table, who had such a large helping of pheasant and peas before him, got gloomier and gloomier; the two men who worked the lanterns looked still more triumphant, as if they had done it all; and the ladies' orchestra girded their loins for another request of "Land of Hope and Glory."

And I left for the Plaza Cinema. At the Plaza we were given some of those delightful animated cartoons on the screen, selections of popular songs by the orchestra, and tunes by an organist who had to do so much rising and falling with his whole keyboard that he must have been seasick.

A Symbol. In between those items a very nice, clean, rosy-looking gentleman in full evening dress would appear on the stage, like a symbol of national prosperity, and read out to us the new results.

There was no absurd pretence of neutrality about this gentleman. Every time there was a Conservative gain—and there were many of them—his voice rose to a triumphant shout, and he began to beam upon us like a trim and well-tailored Santa Claus.

More leaders of the Opposition vanished, to our delight. The orchestra played "If You Were the Only Girl in the World" and the organist thundered out "The Lily of Laguna" and "Two Lovely Black Eyes" all of them, in my opinion, excellent and most moving patriotic ditties.

It was here I saw the man who was really enjoying to the full this election night—the man, indeed, for whom the night might have been planned. He was a tall, robust-looking man with a blue suit, a bowler hat and a large nose.

He had with him—as such men always have—a much smaller and infinitely shyer companion, the set of whose very shoulders told you that he was wondering if old Tom wasn't going too far. But old Tom was having the time of his life. He knew all the words of all the old songs, and he sang them lustily, sometimes with appropriate gestures.

The minute the announcer came on to the stage, old Tom would greet him with "Up the Blues!" And the results might have been specially designed to please him. (Perhaps they were.)

What a night he had! He had seen England saved, had helped to save it, had sung all the grand silly old sentimental songs, and had been able to shout "Up the Blues!" to his heart's content. It was very late when I left the Plaza, but old

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Fifty-Nine Different Calls.

MINUS BRIDGE.

The 17th century is usually regarded as the chief period of elaboration of card games. Since, however, card games are for idleness, and idleness begets elaboration, it is probable that whenever they are widely played they must inevitably sprout sects and embroideries. Can any days have been more restlessly inventive than ours? Regard the variations of Poker, as numerous as its players; the manifold forms of Rummy, which still rules Central Europe and conquered the Anglo-Saxon world in two short quite separate incarnations—Con-can, just before the war, and Mah-Jong, just after it (though the cards in this last were a trifle thicker and smaller than usual, its principles were pure Rummy); and, finally regard the prolific Bridge family.

Since this family was founded no fewer than four generations have been recognised as its successive household heads: Bridge, Auction Bridge, Royal Auction, and now Contract. Each generation has had its own solo and two handed monsters, harking atavistically back to the older, now grown dingier branches of the tree—the Whists and Naps. Each generation has had adventurous cadets, travelled to distant climes to mate with cousins near and far—the Skats and Vints. And each has left its secret by-blows, hidden away in attics, tiny fanatic groups, never emerging to the social light and life of Clubland wherein their more public brothers bask. Such a left-handed seion is the extremely complex and interesting so-called Vint, invented by Wranglers in Trinity, and such another, also engendered by a Cambridge clique, is Minus Bridge.

"Plus Sense."

If the purpose of a variant be to offer a maximum of variety with the narrowest possible alteration of the rules of an original, this purpose is markedly fulfilled by Minus Bridge. For any bridge player its principles can be summarised in a single sentence: Every bid that may be made at bridge (that is, the latest pre-Contract form, Royal Auction Bridge) is considered as being made in a plus sense, and the corresponding bid may be made in a minus sense also. The minus hand is no new feature of bridge games. Though its uses in this particular instance were directly suggested to its inventors by Auction Piquet, it was once common at whist-drives as "Workhouse," and is employed actually in Auction Bridge in India to this day as the "Nullo." In such a hand the object of the play is simply reversed, the number of tricks announced by the declarers must be not won but lost.

A partnership declaring "minus three" or "three Nullos" is penalised for every trick it takes above four, counts every trick by which it under-reaches four an overtrick, and so forth. But in the variants quoted the Nullo or minus is always played in no-trumps. In Minus Bridge a minus call may be made either in no-trumps or with any suit as trumps exactly as a plus call.

Scoring as Play.

The scoring is quite unaltered; minus three spades declared and (Continued in next Column.)

Tom was still there. He is probably there yet.

Only The Fog.

When I got outside the Plaza and walked towards Pall Mall, I found that there wasn't an Election Night any longer. The fog was there; the cold was there, a few belated workers were hurrying home, and the passing taxis seemed to be well loaded.

But all the people had melted away, driven home comparatively early, perhaps, by the extreme discomfort of the night. And then, of course, hundreds of thousands of them had never been out at all. They had stayed at home, listening to the wireless.

It was the most important election night I have known here in London. And it seemed to me easily the quietest. Beneath the blanket of fog the pound was saved so quietly that it was like a conjuring trick—Evening Standard.

PLAGUE IN N.W. CHINA.

Takes Terrible Toll of Life.

SPREADING.

Bubonic plague is still ravaging the province of Shensi, in north-west China.

The pestilence broke out early in the Autumn in the neighbouring province of Honan, and, carried by a huge army of rats which marched over hill and valley leaving a trail of death in their wake, quickly spread to Shensi and Shensi.

Several weeks ago medical experts and health administrators were dispatched to the stricken areas, but they have failed to check the epidemic, which is leaping on from district to district, causing hundreds of deaths daily.

Fatalities in the three provinces named have now run into scores of thousands and the plague is within a few miles of Sianfu, the Shensi capital, where the utmost alarm prevails. Should it reach this densely-crowded city, the death-roll would be even more appalling.

made counts 27, no trick at all on minus hand corresponds to a grand slam, the honours at a minus hand reckon to the opponents. For purposes of bidding, a minus call ranks exactly above the plus call of the same numerical value. Thus "minus two spades" beats not only plus or minus two hearts, it also beats "plus two spades." The logic of this rule derives from the fact that a minus call is harder to make than a plus call, though whether its play really is more intricate or merely seems so by reason of unfamiliarity is not certain. The originators of the game do not employ majority bidding, but obviously the principles of minus would require no alteration with its use.

The play of a minus hand will be familiar to those who know auction Piquet or Nullos. The unpractised, to whom it will prove almost excessively difficult at first, will find it a question of the sacrifice of leads. It is the object of each partnership, once its own master cards are exhausted, to thrust the lead into the opposition's control, thus forcing the opponents to take all the remaining tricks. Aces, that can be got rid of at the beginning of a hand so soon as the lead is secured, or high cards long-suited, where the low cards can be used for discard till the opponent runs dry and can lead the suit no more, are not dangerous. The most perilous hand is one that holds an even suit distribution and an abundance of cards between the eight and knave. Such a hand is worse than a Yarborough can sit quiet, and, besides, will not ruin such riches as its partner may possess. But a hand such as we have described, knowing that it cannot possibly lose a trick in minus play, and hearing minus called, is forced to overcall in plus.

Sounder Game.

The chiefest variety, surpassing even the diversity and interest of the actual play, the charm that, for an adept, so potently outweighs the more monotonous parts and properties of ordinary bridge, besides in the whole approach to the game, as mirrored in the calling. From the moment the player lifts his cards he has to regard them not as a stable pool of forces operating in only one direction, but dialectically, as a dynamic equilibrium of positive and negative qualities, manifesting quite various sums of energy when oriented in differing senses. Since, as Marx has taught us, this is a more accurate manner of estimating the world, Minus Bridge may be regarded as philosophically the sounder game. Its vocabulary of 59 calls, almost doubly as rich as the 31 of ordinary bridge, lends itself with double flexibility to a beautiful complex of mutual encouragement and warning in the foreplay conversation known as bidding. What if this very richness has led, among its four stanchest exponents, to the growth of four equally well-reasoned, and mutually contradictory systems of bidding convention? What if an English vocabulary of double increase be correspondingly required for mutual recrimination in postplay inquest? Let the dull, bridge-player research into its as yet imperfectly plumbed passions for himself.

PRIEST'S BODY WELL PRESERVED.

Phenomenon in Bangalore.

NO DECOMPOSITION.

A great stir was caused at Bangalore on a certain Sunday recently when the body of the Rev. Fr. Pallot was exhumed. Rev. Fr. Pallot who had worked in Pondicherry for about 45 years went to Bangalore a year and a half ago for treatment at St. Martha's Hospital. He died of heart failure on September 16, 1930.

The following account of the exhumation is taken from the Hindu:—When the earth was dug it was found that the top portion of the wooden coffin had been eaten away by the earth and underneath was visible the face of the deceased as they saw it, 14 months ago. They then carefully removed the earth on the sides, and found that the body was intact. Even the vestment worn by the deceased was not soiled in spite of its long contact with the earth. Further examinations disclosed the fact, that while the three sides of the coffin which had no contact with the body had been reduced to powder, the lower plank of the coffin which was in close touch with the body was entirely afresh.

Body Removed.

According to responsible ecclesiastics, the Health Officer of the station who happened to be present tented the bones and found them soft, as would be the case if a person were alive. There was absolutely no decomposition in the skin or frame of the deceased, nor was there any foul smell. The body was then removed to the surface. To their surprise again they found that it attracted neither flies nor any insects, as in the case of corpses, normally.

By now hundreds of people had gathered in the vicinity. Considering this a great miracle, they wanted to take back with them, the very earth, where Rev. Fr. Pallot lay interred, as also the pieces of the powdered coffin. Only a gunny bag had been kept ready to remove the bones but soon a new coffin was got ready and the body was placed in it, nailed and sealed, so that it might not be tampered with in the enthusiasm of the huge crowd waiting.

The coffin was taken to the Cantonment station in the night in procession from where it was despatched to Pondicherry, under the escort of an Indian priest.

Rev. Fr. Pallot was known during his life time as a priest of a saintly character.

"LOST" CITY DISCOVERED.

A "lost" city of ancient days, which has been searched for in vain by archaeologists, is believed to have been revealed by peasants ploughing in a field in the village of Suvodola, near Bitoli, (Monastiri), in Yugoslav Macedonia.

First, the plough turned up buried remains of an ancient city wall. Further digging disclosed an ancient Greek church 80 feet by 40, with several monuments and remnants of statues and a number of old Greek and Roman coins, including some of the time of Hadrian and Constantine the Great.

Experts believe that Suvodola must be the site of the ancient city of Keramija, which was reputed to be some 12 miles from Bitoli but for which archaeologists have searched in vain.

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Receiver's Speech To
Stockholders.

Sir William McIntock, who spoke as receiver and manager at the meeting of Debenture stockholders of Lamporf and Holt held in mail week was able to give some details of the economics which have been put into force since he was appointed to that position. The annual amount of the economies to date was £126,086, made up as follows:—Office staffs—Salaries and benefits, \$44,420; dock staffs—salaries, \$14,650; seagoing staffs, \$28,485; reductions in office rentals, \$4,657; reductions in other items of standing charges, \$26,094; and modifications in organization, \$7,780. In addition, other general economies had been effected, the amount of which was difficult to estimate. He stated, that these substantial economies had been made without in any way reducing the standard of maintenance of the fleet or the efficiency of the company's services. The effect of the savings and the close watch kept on voyage results, Sir William said, was reflected in trading for the period from January 1 to October 27. Voyage profits and other trading receipts, after charging all working and management expenses, for that period amounted to £4,533, while the investment income received, less interest and discount charges paid, was £63,650, making a total credit of £68,183. Deducting the cost of 17 ships laid up amounting to £37,600, a surplus of £30,583 remained. These figures related to Lamporf and Holt and the Liverpool Brazil Company combined, and were, he pointed out, before making provision for depreciation and Debenture interest. It may be recalled that in the eight months before Sir William's appointment as receiver and manager a trading loss of £379,404 was incurred. Sir William said that it be conserved and the services of the company continued until a favourable opportunity rose to realize the shipping assets as a going concern.

TRANSATLANTIC TRAFFIC.

The Canadian Companies' Agreement.

Details of the agreement for co-operation between the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National Railways are given in a telegram received in London from the headquarters of the Canadian Pacific at Montreal. The agreement covers

a period of 10 years, and becomes effective at once.

The telegram states that the two railway companies have agreed to work together to promote rail and steamship business originating across the Atlantic or going through or from Canada to European ports. The steamship company will have the advantage of securing business originating on Canadian National lines, and the agreement also provides for a compensating advantage to the Canadian National in the rail haul of freight, passenger, and express business to and from the ships of the Canadian Pacific. In order to serve the Canadian National, all Canadian Pacific passenger ships sailing to and from St. John, New Brunswick, will call at Halifax. Nova Scotia, both on their westbound and eastbound voyages, while Canadian Pacific freight ships sailing from St. John on eastbound voyages will also put into Halifax. St. John will continue to be the Canadian Pacific winter terminal port handling through traffic as in the past. As a part of the agreement with the Canadian Pacific steam ships, the representatives of the Canadian National become agents for the sale of passenger tickets and the booking of freight through its ticket offices, agencies, and representatives throughout Canada, the United States, the British Isles, and wherever else it does business. The two railway companies will as in the past, continue to handle traffic to and from all other Atlantic steamship lines.

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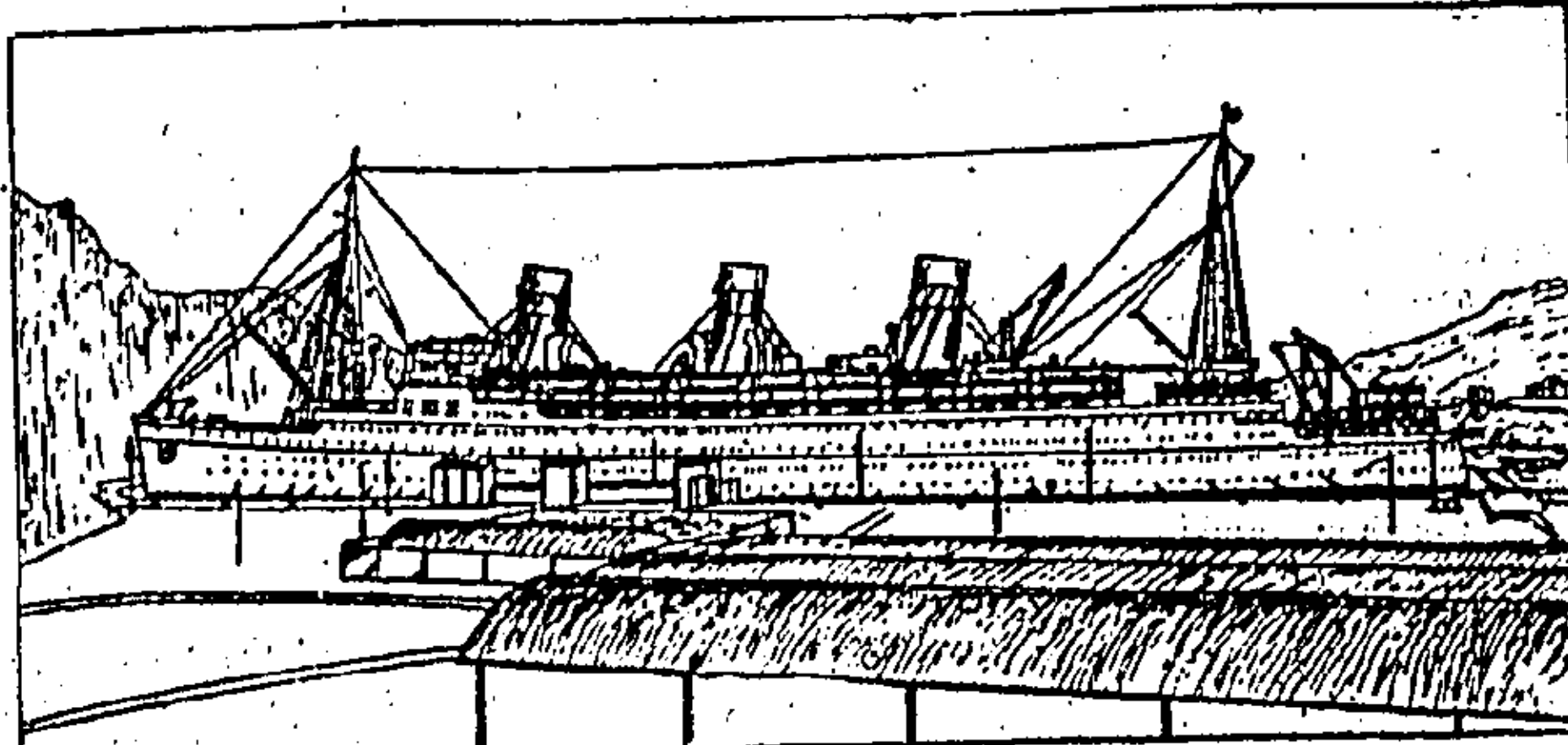
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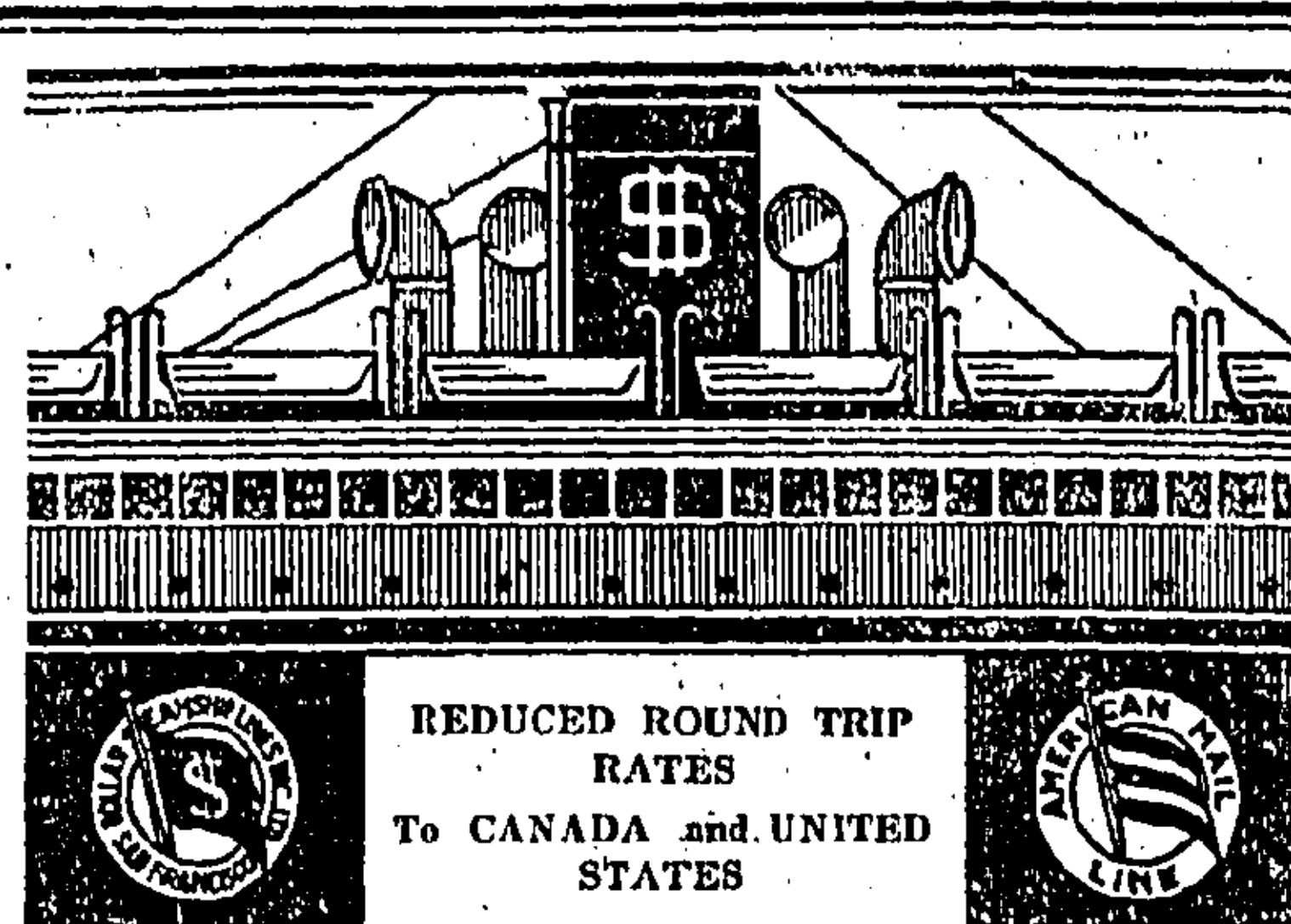
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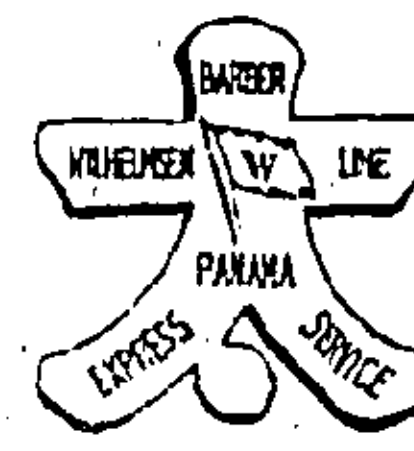
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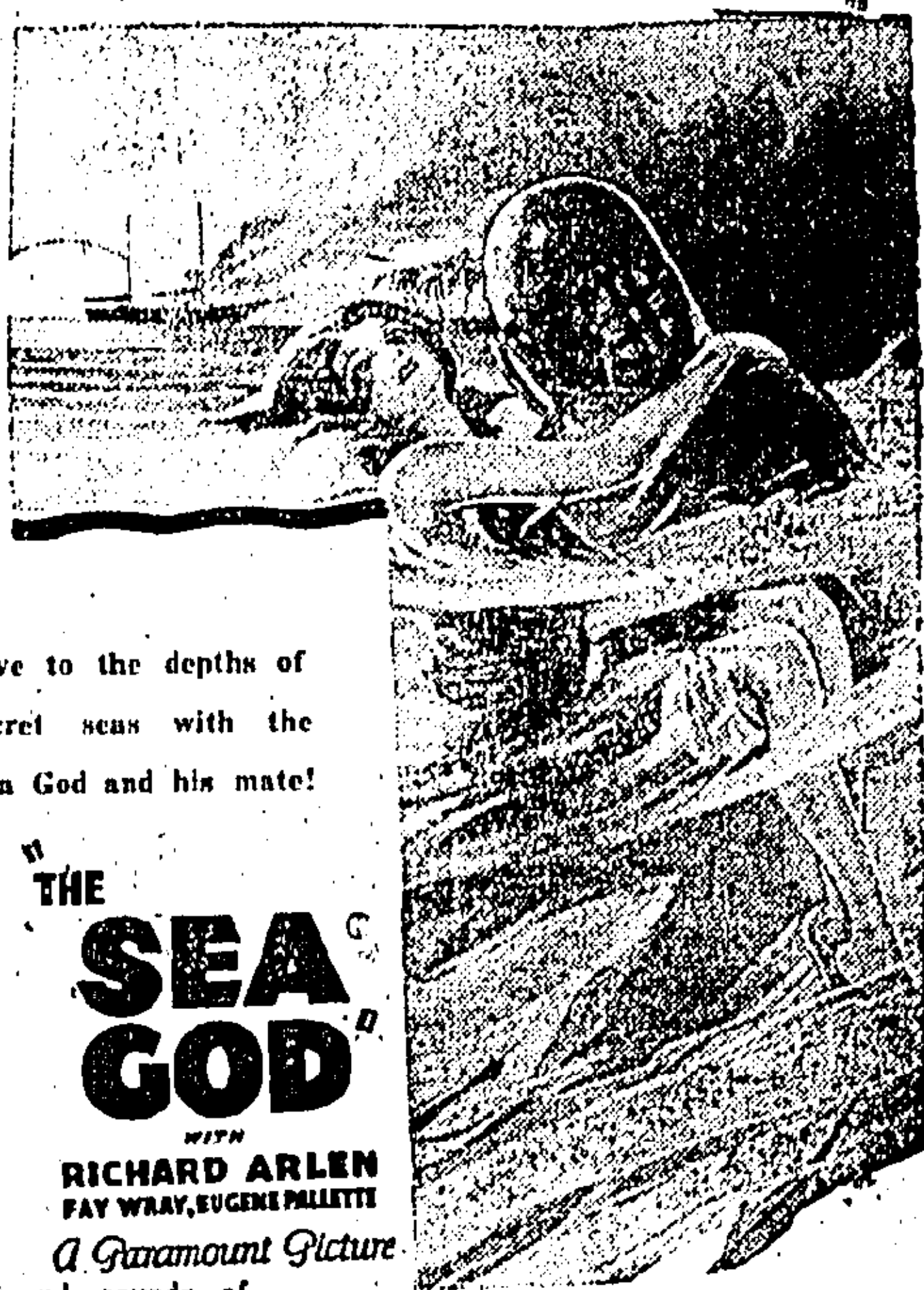
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VOICES FROM THE PAST.

Nation's Store of
Records.

[By Campbell Dixon.]

Melba, Patti and Caruso, Ten-
nyson and Kelvin, Asquith and Balfour
— they are all dead now, the accents
that charmed their generation are
silent.

But in a quiet room at the Brit-
ish Museum their voices are still
recorded in metal; and in a studio
in Middlesex I was allowed to con-
jure them up in illustrious proce-
sion, with a score of others—Lord
Roberts warning the nation of its
peril in 1913, the great Tennyson in
decline, Dan Leno in the hunting
song that convulsed 1900 and now
can only be described as dreary.

It was an odd experience and a
little saddening: uncomfortably like
listening to ghosts.

The British Museum's oldest
matrix—the metal negative from
which ordinary positive records are
printed—is one made by the late
Lord Tennyson. The circular metal
matrix lies in a box beneath a desk;
but as no positive was available I
had no chance to test its dubious
audibility. Nor was I able to hear
Tolstoy reading from one of his
books—a record made in 1905 when
he was 77.

Gladstone died too early for in-
clusion; and one misses the names
of Kitchener, Swinburne, Meredith,
Irving and Tree.

The living are better represented.
There are speeches by the King and
Queen, the Prince of Wales (on
sportsmanship), Mr. Baldwin, Mr.
Ramsay MacDonald (on unemploy-
ment), Mr. Bernard Shaw (on
"Spoken and Broken English"), and
records of many of the leading
singers and writers of the last
quarter of a century.

Most of the records have been
presented to the Museum on the
condition that no use should be made
of them for fifty years. It will be
possible then, and in later ages, to
print all the copies desired.
Posterity (allowing for mechanical
imperfections) will be able to es-
timate the artistry of Melba, the
golden torrent of Caruso, the
eloquence of Balfour and Asquith.

Above all, provided they are not
misled by the accent of Mr. Shaw,
generations to come will be able to
learn just how the people of the
early twentieth century spoke
English. Phonetically and histori-
cally the collection will be beyond
price.

How much would we give to day
to know how eloquent Demosthenes
and Cicero really were, how Pitt
compared with Fox, and Burke
with Macaulay? And how much
more would we give to know not
merely what they said, but how they
said it? Did pater rhyme with
cater? Was Julius really called
Kaiser? Should we use the Italian
"i" and "e" and "a," and pronounce
Publius in the modern (or North
Country) manner? We shall prob-
ably never know.

Nor—and it is more important—
can we know exactly how our ances-
tors spoke English. We who speak
the tongue that Shakespeare used
probably speak quite a different
tongue altogether; and, as for the
pronunciation of Chaucer, it is a

SHARE MARKET.

Enquiries for
Stocks.

STEADY TO FIRM.

The official summary issued by
the Stock Exchange to-day states:
The market opened steady to firm
this morning, with enquiries for a
number of stocks in the list.

Sales.

Banks, \$1,530.
Hotels (old), \$15.15.
Lane, Crawfords (new), \$6.10.
Trams, \$21.30.
Telephones (part paid), \$26/
\$26.20.

Buyers.

Unions, \$450.
Shanghai Explorations, \$2.40.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
Humphreys (old), \$18.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$21.20.
Star Ferries, \$95½.
H. K. Electric, \$78.
Cements (combined), \$19.10.
Entertainments (old), \$17¼.
Entertainments (new), \$16.
China Underwriters, \$4.90.
Wharves, \$162.
H.K. Lands, \$80.
H.K. Realities, \$12.05.
Ewos, Tls. 16.
Peak Trams (old), \$15.
China Lights, \$28.
Canton Ices, \$6.
Lane, Crawfords (old), \$6½.
Hotels (old), \$15.10.
Hotels (new), \$14.70.

Sellers.

Union Waterbonts, \$27.
Hotels (old), \$15¼.
China Lights, \$28.30.
Raubs, \$43.
Venezuelan Goldfields, \$2.
S.C. Enterprises, \$10.
Shanghai Stocks.
Carroll Brothers have received
cabled quotations of the following
Shanghai stocks:—

(Continued on Next Column.)

matter for intelligent guesswork.
While the Museum collection
exists, no such obscurity can ever
veil the standard accent of to-day.
But where is the record of the local
dialects that are fast disappearing?
Correspondents of The Daily
Telegraph have been lamenting the
passing of county dialects which
will soon be only legendary. It
seems a pity that a growth so very
English should be allowed to pass
away and leave no aural trace.

It is, perhaps, even worse that we
should have made no adequate at-
tempt to capture for posterity the
hundreds of Indian, African, and
other native tongues which will soon
be for ever silent.

And what of the films? A thou-
sand years hence professors will be
writing monographs on "Intolerance"
and "Ben Hur" and Chaplin. But
the only sound film in the Museum
is that epic of the Burmese jungle,
"Chang." Unless steps are taken
soon, posterity will not even have
the opportunity of studying an ex-
hibit labelled "How He Lied to Her
Husband," by G. B. Shaw (example
of Primitive Humour; early
twentieth century).

U.S. TAX ON THE BACHELOR.

President Hoover's
Scheme.

TO RAISE REVENUE.

Washington, Yesterday.
Fears that unless taxation is
increased the United States will
have amassed a deficit of \$4,442,-
000,000 in three years were ex-
pressed by President Hoover in
his annual budget statement to
Congress in which he estimates
a deficit of \$1,417,000,000 next
year. He proposes to increase
income tax, which is to be limit-
ed to 2 years from July, 1932, to
two per cent. on the net incomes
of unmarried people up to
\$4,000; four per cent. on the
next \$4,000, and six per cent.
over \$8,000 with surtaxes rang-
ing from one per cent. on incomes
of \$10,000 to forty per cent. on
incomes of \$500,000.—Reuter.

\$4,000 BRACELET GIFT.

But It Didn't Mean A
Proposal.

"If you married all the persons
to whom you give presents you
would be pretty busy," was the
answer of Mr. William B. Leeds, the
millionaire and former husband of
Princess Xenia of Greece, when he
was asked whether he intended to
marry Miss Raquel Torres, the
famous Mexican film vamp.
Mr. Leeds did not deny that he
had recently slipped a bracelet
worth \$4,000 on the wrist of the
actress.

But he definitely denied that he
had any matrimonial intentions to-
wards her.

INDIA DEBATE IN LORDS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The debate in the House of
Lords on Government's Indian
policy was continued to-day.

Lord Brentford held that Gov-
ernment's scheme was ill-digested.

Lord Reading emphasised that
the scheme had the approval of
the Cabinet and an overwhelm-
ing majority of the House of
Commons.

Lord Salisbury questioned if
the proposals were practicable.

The debate stands adjourned
until to-morrow.—British Wire-
less Service.

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Yangtze Finance Co.	5.10
International Assurance Co.	12.10
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Shanghai Lands	6.50
New Engineering	95.00
Shanghai Docks	225.00
Shanghai & Hongkew Wharves	35.50
Shanghai Electric	16.30
Ewo Cottons	85.00
Shanghai Cottons	11.50
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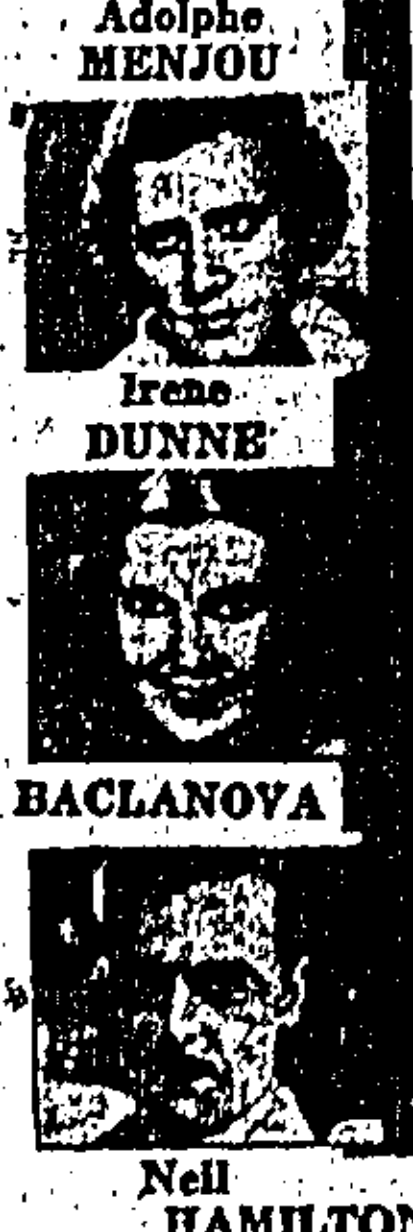
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